STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 198

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW, ENGLAND

The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2026

Made - - - -	*8th February 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*5th March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*6th March 2026*

The General Synod, in exercise of the power under section 7 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969(**a**), resolves to amend the Church Representation Rules(**b**) as follows.

In accordance with section 7 of that Measure, the General Synod has passed this Resolution with a majority in each House of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Resolution may be cited as the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2026.

(2) This Resolution comes into force on the day after the day on which it is laid before Parliament.

Parochial church council: business by correspondence

2. In section B of Part 9 of the Church Representation Rules (model rules on parochial church councils), in Rule M29 (business by correspondence), for paragraph (2) substitute—

> "(2) If, within the period specified by the chair of the PCC beginning with the date on which the proposals are sent, at least one-third of the members of the PCC approve in writing and no member objects in writing, the proposals are to be treated at the end of that period as if they had been approved at a duly convened meeting.".

Approved by the General Synod on 8th February 2026.

A.S. McGregor
Registrar of the General Synod

(**a**) 1969 No. 2. Section 7 has been amended by section 1(2) of the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019 (No. 1).
(**b**) The Church Representation Rules are contained in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Resolution)

This Resolution amends the Church Representation Rules set out in Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969.

Paragraph 2 amends Rule M29 to provide that, where proposals for approval by a parochial church council are dealt with by correspondence, the proposals are approved only if at least one-third of the members of the PCC approve and no member objects.

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