

Standing Committee Amendment Ordinance 2014

No 9, 2014

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 in relation to the rules by which the Standing Committee conducts its business and related matters.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name of the Ordinance

This Ordinance is the Standing Committee Amendment Ordinance 2014.

2. Amendment of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897

The Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 is amended as follows –

- (a) in clause 4(5)(c) omit the words “not less than two-thirds” and insert instead the words “at least half”, and
- (b) re-number existing clause 4(6) as 4(7) and insert a new clause 4(6) as follows –

“(6) Where the Standing Committee resolves or has resolved under subclause (5) that certain of its business be determined by a Regional Council or a committee or committees, such Regional Council, committee or committees may, with the approval of the Standing Committee and subject to such conditions as the Standing Committee may impose, resolve that such business or any part of such business be determined by another person or body.”, and
- (c) in clause 6(1) –
 - (i) omit each reference to “him” and insert instead “the member”,
 - (ii) omit the words “by post or through a document exchange to the” and insert instead the words “to the postal or email”,
 - (iii) insert the words “or an email address held by the Registrar for the member” at the end before the full-stop, and
- (d) in clause 6(2) omit the words “or by a document exchange”,
- (e) in clause 6(4) omit the words “one-third” and insert instead the words “one-half”, and
- (f) insert a new clause 6(4A) as follows –

“(4A) The members of the Standing Committee may pass a resolution without a meeting of the members being held if –

 - (a) the secretary or acting secretary of the Standing Committee sends a copy of the proposed resolution to all members of the Standing Committee and specifies a reasonable timeframe within which members may indicate their support for or objection to the proposed resolution being passed, and
 - (b) at least 75% of members indicate within the specified timeframe that they support the proposed resolution being passed, and
 - (c) no more than 2 members object within the specified timeframe either to the proposed resolution being passed or the proposed resolution being passed without a meeting.

The secretary or acting secretary shall notify the Standing Committee of any resolution passed without a meeting at its next meeting and shall record in the minutes kept for that meeting the resolution together with any supporting attachments. A resolution so recorded shall be treated as a minute of the proceedings of the Standing Committee for the purposes of clause 7(1).”, and

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- (g) in clause 7 –
 - (i) omit the words “Minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose,” and insert instead the following –
 - “(1) Minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose and, subject to subclause (2), ”, and
 - (ii) insert a new subclause (2) as follows –
 - “(2) The secretary or acting secretary of the Standing Committee is authorised to omit from the Minute Book laid before the Synod any minute and any attachment to a minute which contains details of –
 - (a) current legal proceedings or claims which may become the subject of legal proceedings,
 - (b) the terms of any settlement of legal proceedings which require confidentiality,
 - (c) any matter which the Archbishop acting on the advice of the Chancellor considers is properly treated as commercial-in-confidence, or
 - (d) any other matter the Standing Committee declares by resolution to be confidential for the purposes of this subclause.”

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

R TONG
Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 24 March 2014.

R WICKS
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
25/03/2014