

Bill No. 3
Proposer – Ms Hazel Corrigan
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The aim of this Bill is to ensure that there is no conflict of interest or loyalty for diocesan lay nominators.

Membership of a Board of Nomination is made up of parochial nominators and diocesan nominators. The amendment being proposed by the Commission on Ministry by means of this Bill would ensure that no person shall act as a diocesan nominator on the Board of Nomination for any parish of which he or she is a registered vestry member.

Members of Synod will be aware of the importance of good governance within the process of nomination to the key office in our church as parish incumbent. Within this process the Commission felt that potential conflicts could arise where a nominator from the parish being filled is sitting on the Board in a diocesan nominator's role. This would be in line with clerical nominators who cannot sit on a Board of Nomination to fill a vacancy which their move has caused.

Consequently, to ensure that the intention of check and balance described in the Constitution of the Church of Ireland is maintained the Commission is proposing that this Bill is passed by the General Synod.