

BILL NO 3**Explanatory Memorandum**

Under the current General Synod Act the Archdeacon of Connor is ‘automatically’ Precentor of the Cathedral.

The Diocese of Connor has recently established the position of Archdeacon of Belfast.

Both the former and the present Bishop of Connor consider that it would be appropriate that the Archdeacon of Belfast be the Precentor of Belfast Cathedral.

The intention is that section 5 of the General Synod Act 1944 (amended in 1984) should be further amended by substituting for the words “...the Precentor, who shall be the Archdeacon of Connor”, the words “...the Precentor who shall be the Archdeacon of Belfast”.

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BILL**To amend the Statute, Chapter V of 1944**

WHEREAS it is desirable to make future provision for the regulation of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St.Anne, Belfast.

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Connor with the consent of the Standing Committee of the General Synod, on 12 October 2006, established an Archdeaconry of Belfast pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution.

AND WHEREAS the provisions of this Bill have the consent of the Ordinary and the approval of the Bishop of Down and Dromore and were adopted by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St.Anne, Belfast, by resolution passed at a meeting held on Thursday 8th November 2007.

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops, and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Galway in the year 2008 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. That portion of Section 5 of the Statute Chapter V of 1944 (as amended) which provides for the filling of the office of Precentor shall be amended by deleting the words “Archdeacon of Connor” and substituting therefore the words “Archdeacon of Belfast”.