

BILL NO 6

Explanatory Memorandum

In 2007, the General Synod enacted legislation amending Chapter VII of the Constitution so as to provide for the appointment of ecumenical canons to the Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Each ecumenical canon must be a minister or accredited preacher of another Christian denomination which is specified by the House of Bishops and which is not in full communion with the Church of Ireland.

Section 24 of Chapter VII currently provides that prebendal stalls assigned to the patronage of dioceses or united dioceses shall be held only by clergy entitled to sit in the synods of those diocese or united diocese and that all other prebendal stalls shall be held only by Church of Ireland clergy resident in Ireland.

Accordingly prebendal stalls may not be assigned to ecumenical canons. Furthermore, there is currently no requirement that the ecumenical canons would themselves be resident in Ireland.

This Bill seeks to amend Section 24 of Chapter VII to provide for the assignment of prebendal stalls to ecumenical canons but requires that such ecumenical canons be resident in Ireland.

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BILL

To amend Chapter VII, Section 24 of the Constitution

WHEREAS Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland was amended by Statute Chapter V of 2007 to provide, inter alia, for the appointment of ecumenical canons to the Chapter of the Collegiate and Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Dublin;

AND WHEREAS it is considered desirable that prebendal stalls should only be assigned to ecumenical canons resident in Ireland;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2009 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. The second sentence of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland shall be amended by the insertion after the words “resident in Ireland” of the words “and ecumenical canons resident in Ireland”.