

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

GENERAL SYNOD 2009

ACT

To amend Chapter IX of the Constitution

WHEREAS it is desirable, in certain circumstances, to permit the making of payments to persons serving in the auxiliary ministry;

AND WHEREAS for such purposes it is necessary to amend Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Church of 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. In this Statute “Chapter IX” shall mean Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland 2003 and “the Canons” shall mean the Canons contained in the said Chapter IX.
2. Canon 34 of the Canons shall be amended by the insertion after paragraph (4) of the following paragraph:-
 - (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Canon 20, a person who has been admitted to holy orders for general assistance in a diocese on the basis that such a person will continue to earn a living in a lay occupation or will have some other source of income sufficient for such person’s needs, and who has served in the auxiliary ministry for a period of not less than three years, may apply to the bishop, to be paid for duties performed at the bishop’s request and to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of such duties; provided that no such payment and no such reimbursement of expenses shall -
 - a) be at a rate in excess of those prescribed in such rules in this regard as shall, from time to time, be made by the Representative Church Body and approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod; or
 - b) confer any entitlement to membership of or participation in the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund.