

**GENERAL SYNOD 2012**

**BILL NO 5 (Second Reading Speech)**

**Proposed by Lady Brenda Shiel, Diocese of Down**

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY**

**CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY**

Your Grace

In Section 31(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution which provides for the exceptional circumstances in which an incumbent may be removed from a cure, two incorrect cross-references are made to certain provisions of Chapter VIII of the Constitution relating to ecclesiastical tribunals of the Church of Ireland. The cross-references, which result from a printing error, should be to Section 33(d) (v) or (vi) and to Section 36 of Chapter VIII rather than to Section 32 and Section 35 of the said Chapter. Section 32 relates only to consideration of complaints by a Disciplinary Tribunal rather than to an Order of a Disciplinary Tribunal and Section 35 relates only to the hearing of appeals by an Appeal Tribunal rather than to an Order of an Appeal Tribunal.

This Bill seeks to make the relevant amendment to Chapter IV of the Constitution.