

GENERAL SYNOD 2012

BILL NO 6 (Second Reading Speech)

Proposed by Lady Brenda Sheil, Diocese of Down

EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Your Grace

An anomaly has come to light concerning Chapter VI of 2011 relating to the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh.

In paragraph 2 of the Declaration to be made and subscribed to by a person before being appointed an Ecumenical Canon to the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St Patrick, Armagh reference is made to the provisions of Part II of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, which relates exclusively to St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, rather than to Schedule I to Chapter VI of 2011 which relates exclusively to the Cathedral of St Patrick, Armagh.

This Bill seeks to correct this drafting and clerical error and to ensure that the person making the Declaration agrees to be bound by the provisions of Schedule I to Chapter VI of 2011, which are the detailed provisions relating to the regulation and management of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh and to that extent only, submits himself (or herself) to the authority of the Church of Ireland, and to the laws and tribunals thereof.

I beg to move that the Bill be given a Second Reading.