

GENERAL SYNOD 2013

Bill No 9

Proposed by the Revd Niall Sloan, Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough

Seconded by the Very Kenny Hall

EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

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Proposal to Bill no. 9

The Rev'd Niall J. Sloane, Diocese of Dublin (Proposer)

The Very Rev'd Kenneth R.J. Hall, Diocese of Clogher (Seconder)

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Your Grace,

I propose that leave be given to introduce Bill Number 9

Seconder: I second that.

Your Grace,

Bill no 9 which you have before you is self-explanatory. It simply proposes to extend the period of the holding of an Easter Vestry by one extra week, before Easter. Chapter 3, section 12 of the Constitution states:

“A meeting of the general vestry of each parish, to be known as the Easter vestry, shall be held each year not earlier than twenty days before, and not later than twenty days after, Easter Day and this meeting may be adjourned

from time to time to any day or days not later than the fifth Monday after Easter Day: Provided that the general vestry meeting may not be held on, or adjourned to, a day within the period from the Sunday next before Easter (Palm Sunday) to Easter Day (inclusive).”

The reason for the proposed change is to make it easier for the increasing number of parishes who wish to hold their Easter Vestries on a Sunday before Easter, to do so. This year, for example, the only available Sunday was St Patrick’s Day, which was not entirely suitable.

For information purposes, there is no provision in this Bill for an extension of the period beyond Easter, other than that already contained in Constitution. This is so there would be no conflict between the Constitution and the Standing orders of Diocesan Synods. Your Grace, I propose that the Bill be given a Second Reading.

Seconder: I second that. *(The Seconder may deliver a speech of not more than 5 mins).*

A debate about the issues, principle and thrust of the Bill takes place. At the end of the debate, the Proposer is entitled to reply to any queries or points made before formally moving again that the Bill be given a second reading.

[*If necessary*] Your Grace, I propose that the Bill be given a Second Reading.

Proposer: I propose that the House go into Committee to consider the Bill in detail.

The whole Synod becomes a Committee to debate the Bill in detail, Clause by Clause and amendment by amendment.

Proposer: I propose that the Clauses be passed. *(The Synod agrees)*

Proposer: I propose that the Preamble be passed. *(The Synod agrees)*

Proposer: I propose that the Bill be reported to the Synod. *(The Synod agrees)*

Proposer: I propose that the House resume. *(The Synod agrees)*

Proposer: I propose that Saturday 11 May be fixed for consideration on Report and the Third Reading of the Bill Number 9. *(The Synod agrees)*

THIRD READING *(on third day of Synod)*

Proposer: Your Grace, I propose that the Bill to lengthen the period for the holding of an Easter Vestry be read a third time and passed.

Secunder: I second that.