

Bill No 3**Explanatory Memorandum**

While preserving the ancient prebendaries attaching to St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, this Bill seeks to set out in a single piece of legislation the composition of the Chapter of the said Cathedral and to enable any member of the Chapter to hold an additional prebend stall.

Clause 1 seeks to provide for the reconstitution of the Chapter, as detailed in the Schedule, with seven stalls and the entitlement of any member to hold an additional stall but with only one vote, since Clause 2 seeks to provide that only the Dean (or the Chair of the Chapter for the time being) shall have both an ordinary and a casting vote.

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BILL

**To provide for the future management and regulation of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, in the
United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry**

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the provisions for the appointment of clergy to the dignities and canonries of St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam in the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to preserve the ancient prebendaries attaching to the said Cathedral Church;

AND WHEREAS to give effect to the alteration of the said provision it is necessary to repeal and replace the provisions of the following statute, namely 1891, Chapter III;

AND WHEREAS the Cathedral Chapter has agreed to the provisions contained in this Act which have been approved at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod of the United Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry held in Tuam on 28th September 2013.

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the clergy and laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2014, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1.The Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Tuam, shall be reconstituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Act.
- 2.No person shall have more than one vote in the Chapter, except the Dean or the Chair of the said Chapter for the time being, who shall have both an ordinary vote and a casting vote.
- 3.The provisions of the Statute of 1891 Chapter III and the resolution adopted by the General Synod of 1925 relating to the Dignitaries of the Diocese of Tuam are hereby repealed.

Schedule

The Chapter of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam

1. The Chapter of St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam shall consist of the following:

- i. The Dean of Tuam
- ii. The Archdeacon of Tuam
- iii. The Provost of Tuam
- iv. The Prebendary of Balla and Killabegs
- v. The Prebendary of Faldown and Kilmainmore
- vi. The Prebendary of Kilmeen and Kilmoylan
- vii. The Prebendary of Taghsaxon and Laccagh

2. Subject to section 2 of this Act, it shall be lawful for any member of the Chapter of St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, to hold an additional Prebend Stall in the said Cathedral.