

**Bill No 5****Explanatory Memorandum**

This Bill seeks to make provision consequential upon the establishment of a second archdeaconry in the Diocese of Armagh in accordance with a resolution passed at the Armagh Diocesan Synod on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 and with the consent of the Standing Committee of the General Synod given at a meeting of the said Standing Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

Clause 1 seeks to amend the relevant provisions of the Statute, Chapter VI of 2011, which relates to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, Armagh by including, in the list of dignitaries constituting the Cathedral Body, a second archdeacon, namely the Archdeacon of Ardboe.

Clause 2 seeks to provide for the election, by the lay members of the Armagh Diocesan Council, of an additional member of the Cathedral Board in order to maintain the parity of lay and ordained members of the said Board. While the additional lay member could be elected either by the Cathedral Vestry or by the Diocesan Council it is considered more appropriate that it should be by the Diocesan Council since the second archdeacon is primarily a diocesan rather than a cathedral appointment and the diocese is the larger constituency from which the additional member of the Board may be drawn.

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**BILL**

**To amend the Statute, Chapter VI of 2011**

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the provisions relating to the regulation and management of the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick Armagh;

AND WHEREAS the Diocesan Synod of Armagh on 21st October 2014 resolved to establish a second Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Armagh pursuant to Section 38 (a) of Chapter II of the Constitution and the Standing Committee of the General Synod having consented thereto;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Armagh in the year 2015 and by the authority of the same as follows:-

1. For the opening sentence of paragraph 4 of Schedule I to the Statute Chapter VI of 2011, hereinafter referred to as the said Schedule, there shall be substituted:-

"The officers who shall constitute the Cathedral Body shall be the dignitaries; namely the Dean, Precentor, Chancellor, Treasurer, the Archdeacon of Armagh and the Archdeacon of Ardboe, in that order, and the Prebendaries, namely, the Prebendary of Mullabrack, the Prebendary of Ballymore, the Prebendary of Loughall and the Prebendary of Tynan, in no particular order."

2. In paragraph 11(ii) of the said Schedule for the word "four" there shall be substituted the word "five".