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Private Act.

An Act to amend "The Corporation of St. John's Church Act, 1886."

[Assented to, October 27th, 1920.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend "The Corporation of St. John's Church Act, 1886," by revoking the provisions thereof relating to seatholders and by constituting a Vestry and defining the membership and powers thereof—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Corporation of St. John's Church Act, 1886, Amendment Act, 1920."

2. Section 2 of "The Corporation of St. John's Church Act, 1886," hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, is hereby repealed so far as regards the definition of the word "seatholders," and section 14 is repealed so far as regards the following words therein contained:— "to pay to the Incumbent Minister as and for his stipend all moneys received by them as rents from the pews and sittings in the Church".

3. Section 4 of the principal Act shall be read and construed as if the words "Incumbent Minister and" had been inserted therein after the first word thereof.

4. On the coming into operation of this Act, all the functions and powers heretofore vested by the principal Act in the seatholders of the said Church shall cease and shall devolve upon and be exercisable by the Vestry of the said Church.

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5. In this Act the expression "vestrymen" shall mean members of the said Vestry.

6. The said Vestry shall consist of the Incumbent Minister, the Churchwardens, the persons who immediately before the coming into operation of this Act were seatholders of the said Church, and such adult communicant members of the congregation of the said Church as shall have signed the Vestry Roll after declaring themselves in writing to be bona fide members of the said Church. Provided that adult communicants who were immediately before the coming into operation of this Act seatholders in the said Church need not sign the said Vestry Roll.

7. The Churchwardens shall prepare and have the custody of the said Vestry Roll, and they shall enter therein the names of every applicant for enrolment if, in the opinion of the Churchwardens, the said applicant is eligible for such enrolment. Provided that if the Churchwardens neglect or refuse to prepare such Vestry Roll, the same may be prepared by the said Incumbent Minister. The said Roll shall be revised in the month of February in every year by the Incumbent Minister and Churchwardens, and they may remove the name of any person who, in their opinion, is no longer eligible for membership of the Vestry. The signatures of the Incumbent Minister and Churchwardens to a Vestry Roll shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of such Roll at the date of the signing thereof. Any person whose name shall be omitted or removed from the Vestry Roll may apply to the Incumbent Minister and Churchwardens to enter or reinstate his name, and upon their refusal or neglect so to do he may appeal to the Vestry, whose decision expressed by resolution carried by three-fourths at least of those present and entitled to vote at a meeting of vestrymen shall be final.

8. No vestryman shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Vestry unless he shall have been enrolled at least thirty days prior to the date of such meeting.

9. Wherever the word "seatholders" or "seatholder" occurs in the principal Act, the word "vestrymen" or "vestryman," as the case may require, shall be substituted therefor.

10. In addition to the manner prescribed in section 9 of the principal Act, notice of any meeting of the vestrymen may be given not less than eight nor more than twenty-one days prior thereto by the Incumbent Minister reading such notice in the said Church at any Sunday service therein and by the same being affixed to each of the outer doors of the said Church.

11. The Churchwardens of the said Church, at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue in office until the Tuesday in next Easter week or until their successors be appointed.

12. From
The Corporation of St. John's Church Act, 1886, Amendment Act.—1920.

12. From and after the coming into operation of this Act no rent shall be charged for any pew or sitting in the said Church.

13. In lieu of the manner prescribed in section 10 of the principal Act no future Incumbent Minister of the said Church shall be appointed unless he be recommended by the Patronage Committee of the said Church. The Patronage Committee shall be appointed annually at each Easter Vestry Meeting, and shall consist of the Churchwardens (who shall be ex officio members thereof) and five adult communicant members of the Vestry elected at such Easter Vestry Meeting.

14. This Act shall be incorporated with and form part of the principal Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

W. E. G. A. WEIGALL, Governor.