

## **ASSISTANT BISHOP'S ACT 2012**

**BE IN ENACTED** by the Bishop the Clergy and the Laity of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Bendigo duly met in Synod according to law as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Assistant Bishop's Act 2012.
2. The office of Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Bendigo is hereby created.
3. The Assistant Bishop shall be appointed by the Bishop on behalf of the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation incorporated under the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation Act 2014 and with the agreement of the Council of the Diocese expressed by a resolution passed by a majority of its members (other than the Bishop) present at a duly convened meeting.<sup>1</sup>
4.
  - a) The Assistant Bishop shall perform such diocesan duties and exercise such episcopal authority in the Diocese as the Bishop may from time to time require.
  - b) The Bishop may hold such other offices as the Council of the Diocese from time to time approves.
5. The appointment of a person under section 3 shall not take effect, and a priest so appointed shall not be consecrated, until:
  - (a) the Bishop has certified the appointment to the Metropolitan under the Canonical Fitness of Bishops Ordinance 1979 of the Provincial Synod of Victoria; and
  - (b) the appointment has been duly confirmed under the hand and seal of the Metropolitan.<sup>2</sup>
6. The stipend of the Assistant Bishop shall be determined by the Council of the Diocese.
7. Upon attaining the age of 70 years the Assistant Bishop shall cease to hold office.
8. The Assistant Bishop shall vote at Synod as a member of the clergy except when presiding as Vicar General or Administrator of the Diocese.
9. The Assistant Bishop's Canon 1966 of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia is hereby excluded from operating within the Diocese of Bendigo.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 3 amended in 2014 according to Schedule 2 of the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation Act 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Section 5 amended in 2015 according to the Bishopric and Assistant Bishop's Amendment Act 2015