

Bill No 8

Mover: The Rev'd Canon Simon Martin / Seconder: The Rev'd Peter Bargh

A Bill to Amend Title A Canon I 'Of Bishops', 2026

Whereas, the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in 1992 enacted Title A Canon I 'Of Bishops', and

Whereas, Tikanga Pākehā Conference seeks to adopt a process of sanctioning a nomination of the Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā that follows the process required for Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa and the Bishop of the Diocese of Polynesia, and

Whereas, such a sanctioning process was tested out informally in the election of the Senior Bishop in 2024,

The General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

- 1. Title.** The Title of this Statute is *The Title A Canon I Amendment Statute 2026*.
- 2. Purpose.** To amend Title A Canon I, to provide for the sanctioning of a nomination of Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā, as for any other Bishop of this Church.
- 3. Title A Canon I is amended by:**

Inserting the following words as a new Section 5A after Clause 5.12:

5A: Sanctioning of Nomination of Senior Bishop, Tikanga Pākehā

- 5A.1 Where a meeting of the Tikanga Pākehā Conference (held in accordance with Part E of the Constitution/te Pouhere) elects a senior bishop, that election is subject to sanctioning set out in clauses 5.2-5.3 and 5.5-5.6 of this Canon.
- 5A.2 If the Bishops do not confirm the election of a Tikanga Pākehā senior bishop (5.2), then the Bishops shall communicate to the Tikanga Pākehā Conference that the Conference should have the opportunity to reconsider its election. The bishops' communication must include a statement of the reasons for their decision.
- 5A.3 If the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui does not confirm the election, then the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui shall communicate this fact to the Tikanga Pākehā Conference.
- 5A.4 Following a communication under clause 5A.2 or 5A.3, Tikanga Pākehā Conference must reconvene as soon as practicable to consider any statement made to it and shall proceed under its Reference Information to elect a Senior Bishop as if no selection had earlier been made. Persons previously selected to be Senior Bishop shall remain eligible for reconsideration in this new election. Once Tikanga Pākehā Conference has elected a Senior Bishop under this clause, the nomination shall be subject again to the confirmation process set out in this clause.

4. This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 67th Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.