

P2 Enactment, Amendment and Repeal of Rules

ENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT OF RULES

- P2.1 Rules may be enacted or amended by addition, deletion or alteration by decision of a meeting of the Presbytery or by the Presbytery Standing Committee when so authorised.
- P2.2 The Presbytery may give directions to the Presbytery Standing Committee in regard to the scope and nature of any Rules that the Presbytery Standing Committee is authorised to enact or amend.
- P2.3 The Presbytery may authorise the Presbytery Standing Committee to amend any Rule as a consequence of decisions of the Assembly, Synod or Presbytery, provided that the Presbytery Standing Committee must report any such amendments to the next ordinary meeting of the Presbytery.
- P2.4 All proposals to enact or amend the Rules must be included in the Presbytery agenda and be available to members of the Presbytery at least seven days before the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be considered. If any proposal to enact or amend the Rules affects any Presbytery body, the proposal shall not be considered or approved until there has been consultation with the body affected.
- P2.5 When the Presbytery Standing Committee determines that an urgent or emergent situation requires a decision to enact or amend a Rule before the next Presbytery meeting, then the Presbytery Standing Committee may, enact or amend a Rule and give it interim authority until the next Presbytery meeting either confirms its action or takes some alternative action.
- P2.6 All proposals to enact or amend the Rules must be referred to the Church Law Committee for consideration in time for a report and recommendation to be included in the Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee agenda and be available to the members at least seven days before the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be considered.
- P2.7 Enactments and amendments to the Rules will come into force from the conclusion of the Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee meeting at which they are approved unless another time is specified.

REPEAL OF RULES

- P2.8 Rules may be repealed by decision of a meeting of the Presbytery, or by the Presbytery Standing Committee when so authorised by a Presbytery meeting.
- P2.9 All proposals to repeal any Rules must be included in the Presbytery agenda and be available to the members at least seven days before the commencement of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

- P2.10 If the proposed repeal of a Rule affects any Presbytery body, the proposal shall not be considered or approved by the Presbytery until the Church Law Committee has considered and reported on the proposal, there has been consultation with the body affected, and arrangements have been made for winding up the activities and affairs of the body affected by the proposed repeal of Rules.
- P2.11 Repeals of Rules will come into force from the conclusion of the Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee meeting at which they are approved unless another time is specified.

PROCEEDING CONTRARY TO A RULE

- P2.12 As the body that makes these Rules, it is always the prerogative of the Presbytery to determine its own procedures and regulate its own life. If any procedure has been agreed and included in the Rules, then the Presbytery may act in a way contrary to a Rule on a single occasion if leave of the Presbytery (which the *Manual for Meetings* defines as a three-fourths majority or such other majority as may be specified by the Presbytery) is given. If the Rule is to be permanently amended or repealed, then the Presbytery must act according to the procedures set out in the preceding Rules P2.1-11.