**Bill No 24**

**The Rev’d K Eruera / The Rt Rev’d R Ellena**

**A Bill to Amend The Constitution/ Te Pouhere**

**Whereas**, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui in 2016 carried Motion 29 asking the Primates to establish a working group to consider possible structural arrangements within the Church to safeguard both theological convictions concerning the blessing of same gender relationships; and

**Whereas**, that working group in its final report made a number of recommendations including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere; and

**Whereas,** General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui considers it desirable to implement the recommendations of that working group including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere

**The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:**

**1. Title.**  The Title of this Statute is *‘The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2018’*

**2. Purpose.**  To amend clause 15 of Part C of the Constitution/Te Pouhere to repeal and replace the existing form of declaration of adherence and submission

**3. Constitutional Amendment:**

Part C, Clause 15 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere is amended by the deletion of everything after the words "DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA" and their replacement with:

***I, A.B. DO DECLARE*** *that I will give all due obedience to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and to the decisions and judgments of those holding authority under the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons including all regulations which may be made pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons.*

***AND*** *I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office or membership immediately to resign that office or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called upon so to do by those acting under authority given to them by the Constitution/Te Pouhere or the Code of Canons or any regulations made pursuant to them.*

*Given under my hand this day of in the presence of:*

**4. Process**

The passing of Clause 3 is an adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part G Clause 4 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Title C Canon I.