

at such meeting. Any by-laws adopted as authorized by this section shall be subject to amendment, modification, or repeal at any annual meeting or special meeting of the parish or congregation in the same manner as herein provided for adoption of such by-laws. Subject to the provisions of applicable public law, parish by-laws shall be in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of said Church wherein the parish is located.

312B.

The Secretary of the parish shall, and it is hereby declared to be his duty, to enroll any person of the protestant episcopal church who shall apply for the purpose, on the books of the parish.

312C.

To perpetuate the vestry in each parish, if a vacancy happens in the vestry after their election, or any one elected shall refuse to serve, then the other members shall have the power to appoint a new member or members, as the case may be, to serve till the next succeeding annual election.

312D.

The vestrymen of each parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, and of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of the parishioners proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

312E.

The by-laws of a parish may provide that every person chosen a vestryman shall, before he acts as such, take and subscribe the oath of support and fidelity required by the constitution and form of government, unless such person hath before taken such oath, and also make and subscribe a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, and he shall also take and subscribe the following oath of office, to wit: "I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of parish, in county, without prejudice, favour or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge;" which oaths and declarations any justice of the peace, or any vestrymen present, may administer and take.

312F.

Each parish and/or vestry shall have power to make all rules and regulations respecting the temporal government and support of their respective parishes, not inconsistent with public law, including, but not limited to, the enactment of by-laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 312A(a) hereof, containing specific provisions relating to the time and place of vestry meetings; establishing a quorum for the transaction of business which shall not be less than one-third of the number of vestrymen nor more than a majority; and establishing specific provisions for giving due notice of all meetings. The rector of each parish shall be a member of the vestry.