

thereafter as possible pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) Number of Vestrymen. Unless otherwise provided by the bylaws of the parish pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e) of this section, the vestry of a parish shall consist of nine members, each serving for a period of three years, except as provided below in this subsection.

(3) Initial Terms of Vestrymen. At the first election after June 1, 1957, the three members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as members of the vestry for a term of three years; the next three receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of two years; and the next three members receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a term of one year.

(4) Subsequent Terms. Thereafter, three members of the vestry shall be elected annually to serve for a term of three years.

(5) "Tie" Vote. If the number of votes for a member shall be the same as the number of votes for another member, then the member who has been an enrolled member of the parish in which the votes are cast for the longest period of time shall be declared elected.

(6) Eligibility for Reelection. The vestrymen whose three-year terms shall have expired shall not be eligible for reelection until after the expiration of at least one year.

(7) Rector a Member of Vestry. The rector shall always be a member of the vestry.

(8) Election Pursuant to Bylaws. If the parish has adopted the alternative method for the election, number, qualifications and tenure in office of vestrymen as prescribed by subsection (e) of this section, then the vestrymen shall be elected in accordance with the procedure adopted by the bylaws of the parish.

(c) Report of rector and vestry prior to election; questioning rector and vestrymen; treasurer to furnish registrar with names of contributors; inspection of treasurer's account books.

Before the annual election of vestrymen shall begin, the rector and vestry shall report to the qualified voters present, either orally or in writing as to them may seem most expedient, such of the proceedings, transactions and other affairs, which transpired during the preceding parochial year, as are deemed to be necessary and appropriate, to inform the voters of the status of the parish, including the attendance record of