

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A001
TITLE: Amend Rules of Order VII.21
PROPOSER: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
COMMITTEE: Rules of Order

Directly Related: (attached)

1979-D065 Request CPF to Review a Proposed Change to Canon I.7

Indirectly Related:

1988-D082 Amend Canon I.8.2 [Church Pension Fund: Trustees, How Elected]

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.



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Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That pursuant to Title I, Canon 7, Sec. 8, the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund are requested to review the following proposed amendment to the first sentence of Title I, Canon 7, Sec. 2:**

Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of the *Joint Committee on Nominations*, with the understanding that this procedure not preclude further nominations from the floor of either the House of Bishops or the House of Deputies, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees, except that at the meeting held in the year 1970, the General Convention shall elect four persons to serve for a term of six years; and be it further

Resolved, **That the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund are requested to report their views on the foregoing proposed amendment to the 67th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in time to permit the same to become effective at the beginning of such Convention pursuant to Title I, Canon 1, Sec. 5, if approved by such Convention at such time.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-33.

TOPIC/TITLE: Rules of Order: Amend Rules of Order VII.21
 PROPOSER: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Rule VII.21 on the Joint Standing
 2 Committee on Nominations in the Rules of Order be amended as follows:
 3 21. Except for the Secretary and the Treasurer of the General Convention, the said
 4 Committee is instructed to nominate a number, equal to at least twice the number of
 5 vacancies, which shall be broadly representative of the constituency of this Church; to
 6 prepare biographical sketches of all nominees; and to include such nominations and
 7 sketches in the Blue Book, or otherwise to circulate them among Bishops and
 8 Deputies well in advance of the meeting of the next succeeding General Convention;
 9 this procedure, however, *except for nominations for the Board of the Church Pension*
 10 *Fund* not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of
 11 the General Convention.
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EXPLANATION:

This amendment will make explicit the current practice not to allow nominations from the floor for membership on the board of the Church Pension Fund (CPF). There is a conflict between Canon 1.8.2 "The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund" and Rule VII.21 (above) which states that its nomination process is "not to preclude further nominations from the floor in the appropriate House of the General Convention." In the past that conflict has been settled by rulings upholding the Canon. This amendment to the Rules of Order would make the exception about nominees to the Church Pension Fund explicit and allow it to be tested by the will of the General Convention.