

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2009-A014  
**TITLE:** Amending Rule 14 of the House of Deputies Rules of Order  
**PROPOSER:** House of Deputies President's Council of Advice  
**COMMITTEE:** Rules of Order

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**Directly Related:** (attached)

1997-A150 Amend House of Deputies Rule IV.14 [Amending Constitution or Canons]  
1994-D023 Amend House of Deputies Rule IV.14 [Amending Constitution or Canons]

**Indirectly Related:**

None

*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.*



**Resolution Number:** 1997-A150  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule IV.14 [Amending Constitution or Canons]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies be amended as follows:*

**IV. Legislative Committees**

**14. Any Resolution recommended by a Legislative or Special Committee which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons, shall be referred by the President to the appropriate Legislative or Special Committee for action and simultaneously to the Committee on the Constitution or the Committee on Canons, as the case may be, and such Committee shall make certain that the Resolution is in proper constitutional or canonical form, achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution or Canons, and includes all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change, and shall promptly communicate its recommendations to the Legislative or Special Committee. [Remainder of Section 14 unchanged.]**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 480.



**Resolution Number:** 1994-D023  
**Title:** Amend House of Deputies Rule IV.14 [Amending Constitution or Canons]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the House of Deputies Rule of Order IV. 14 is hereby amended by adding a sentence at the end, as follows:*

**Any Resolution recommended by a Legislative or Special Committee, which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons, shall be referred to the Committee on the Constitution or the Committee on Canons, as the case may be, and such Committee shall make certain that the Resolution is in proper constitutional or canonical form and includes all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change. In such case the Committee shall neither concern itself with, nor report on, the substance of the matter referred to it, but whenever requested to do so by the Presiding Officer of the House, the Committee shall in its report to the House make recommendations as to substance. The Committee on the Constitution and the Committee on Canons, when acting on a matter first heard in another Committee, shall not be required to give the notice required by Rule 12(d). *No such resolution shall be placed on the Calendar until such Committee shall have approved it in proper constitutional or canonical form.***

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, 1994* (New York: General Convention, 1995), p. 485.

**03 - Rules of Order**

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1 *Resolved*, That Rule of Order 14 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:  
2 Any Resolution which involves an amendment to the Constitution or Canons, shall be  
3 referred by the President to the appropriate Legislative or Special Committee for action.  
4 *The assigned Committee shall consult with a designated member of the Committee on the*  
5 *Constitution or Committee on Canons during the drafting process. When the Legislative*  
6 *or Special Committee deems the resolution perfected, it shall refer it to ~~and~~*  
7 *simultaneously to the Committee on the Constitution or the Committee on Canons, as the*  
8 *case may be, and such Committee shall make certain that the Resolution is in proper*  
9 *constitutional or canonical form, achieves consistency and clarity in the Constitution or*  
10 *Canons, and includes all amendments necessary to effect the proposed change, and shall*  
11 *promptly communicate its recommendations to the Legislative or Special Committee. In*  
12 *such case the Committee shall neither concern itself with, nor report on, the substance of*  
13 *the matter referred to it, but whenever requested to do so by the Presiding Officer of the*  
14 *House, the Committee shall in its reports to the House make recommendations as to*  
15 *substance. The Committee on the Constitution and the Committee on Canons, when*  
16 *acting on a matter first heard in another Committee, shall not be required to give the*  
17 *notice required by Rule 12(d). No such resolution shall be placed on the Calendar until*  
18 *such Committee shall have approved it in proper constitutional or canonical form.*

EXPLANATION:

In practice, the process is sequential and not simultaneous.