

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A020
TITLE: Amending Rule 41 of the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies
PROPOSER: House of Deputies President's Council of Advice
COMMITTEE: Rules of Order

Directly Related: (attached)

1997-D039 Direct Use of Gender Inclusive Language in all Rules of Order

Indirectly Related:

1988-D077 Amend HD Rules IV-VI, XI, XIII as follows:
House of Deputies Rule IV.7, 12, 13 [Legislative Committees]
House of Deputies Rule V.17 [Joint Committees and Joint Commissions]
House of Deputies Rule VI.21 [Resolutions and Memorials]
House of Deputies Rule XI.51 [Messages from the House of Bishops]
House of Deputies Rule XIII.53 [Committee of the Whole]

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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Title: Direct Use of Gender Inclusive Language in all Rules of Order
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Submitted
Final Text:

*Resolved, That the Secretary of General Convention be and hereby is directed in editing the Rules of Order for the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and the Joint Rules of the two Houses for inclusion in the book entitled *Constitutions and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America otherwise known as the Episcopal Church*, to use gender inclusive language wherever reasonably possible.*

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 566.

TOPIC/TITLE: Rules of Order: Amending Rule 41 of the Rules of Order of the House of Deputies

PROPOSER: House of Deputies President's Council of Advice

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1 *Resolved*, That Rule of Order 41 of the House of Deputies be amended to read as follows:
 2 41. The vote upon any Question (except in the case of elections), shall be taken by
 3 Dioceses and Orders whenever required by the Constitution or by Canon, or whenever
 4 required by *all of* the Clerical or Lay representation from three or more Dioceses, before
 5 the voting begins. Whenever a vote shall be taken by Dioceses and Orders (~~except in the~~
 6 ~~case of elections~~), the vote of each Order in each Diocese shall be stated by one member
 7 in each Order as "Aye" or "No" or "Divided". If desired by the entire Deputation from
 8 any Diocese that the Deputation be polled, the vote of the individual Deputies
 9 representing that Diocese shall be stated and recorded, or if by ballot or electronic means
 10 shall be recorded. Such record shall be made, also, in respect of the individual members
 11 of every Deputation, if so ordered, without debate, by a majority of the House. In lieu of
 12 a roll call, a vote by Dioceses and Orders may be taken by such electronic or mechanical
 13 means as may be provided, or by written ballots of each Order, each such ballot to be
 14 signed by the Chair~~man~~, or, in the Chair~~man~~'s absence, by another member of the
 15 Deputation in the Order for which the ballot is cast; and, if the vote of a Deputation be
 16 divided, it may indicate the individual names of the Deputies and their votes on the
 17 Question. The results of all votes by Orders, whether by voice vote, by ballot, or by
 18 electronic means, shall be posted.
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EXPLANATION:

These revisions render the provision gender-neutral and clarify the consistency in calling for and implementing votes by orders.