

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A023
TITLE: Amending Rule 55 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)

1985-D096 Amend House of Deputies Rule XIV.55, 56, 57 [Election of a Bishop]

Indirectly Related:

None

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Resolution Number: 1985-D096
Title: Amend House of Deputies Rule XIV.55, 56, 57 [Election of a Bishop]
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted
Final Text:

Resolved, That House of Deputies Rules 55, 56, and 57 be amended to read as follows:

55. When considering the election of a Bishop, the approval of his testimonials, or assent to his consecration, and when acting upon the election of the Presiding Bishop, the House shall sit as soon as practicable after the receipt of official notification from the House of Bishops of such elections.

56. The confirmation of the Presiding Bishop shall be by individual secret ballot, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the House, or unless a vote by Orders be required by the entire Clerical or Lay representation from any Diocese before the balloting begins.

57. Confidential notifications from the House of Bishops of the election by them of a Presiding Bishop or of any other Bishop shall be referred immediately, without reading, to the Committee on the Consecration of Bishops, which shall make report thereon to such session of the House.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 1985* (New York: General Convention, 1986), p. 427.

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EXPLANATION:
Revisions for clarity and accuracy.