

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A052
TITLE: Amending Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
COMMITTEE: Constitution

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A020 Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--First Reading]

Indirectly Related:

2003-B005 Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--First Reading]

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Resolution Number: 2006-A020
Title: Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--First Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended as follows:

All Bishops of this Church, except any excluded by canon or under the Rules of the House, shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and every bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for transaction of business.;and be it further

Resolved, That this amendment to Article 1, Section 2, shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 567-568.

TOPIC/TITLE: Constitution: Amending Article I, Section 2 of the Consitution
 PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons
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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution be
 2 amended as follows:
 3 ~~All Bishops, unless under discipline, have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each~~
 4 ~~Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Suffragen Bishop,~~
 5 ~~every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity,~~
 6 ~~or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of~~
 7 ~~missionary strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops,~~
 8 ~~has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat, voice and a vote in the House of Bishops. A~~
 9 ~~majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their~~
 10 ~~jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of~~
 11 ~~business.~~
 12 *All Bishops of this Church shall have seat and voice in the House of Bishops. Each Bishop of*
 13 *this Church having jurisdiction, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop Suffragan, Assistant Bishop, and*
 14 *every Bishop holding an office created by General Convention shall have a vote in the House*
 15 *of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a*
 16 *quorum for the transaction of business.*
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EXPLANATION:

This amendment was adopted as A020 in 2006. The amendment had its first reading in 2003 (B005). The House of Bishops amended the Resolution at second reading in 2006, rendering it a first reading instead of a second reading; the House of Deputies concurred in this action. The text of B005 is set forth below. The Commission recommends adoption of the Resolution at second reading in 2009.