

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A121
TITLE: Amend Canon I.2.1 Joint Committee Mandate
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church
COMMITTEE: Structure

Directly Related: (attached)

2006-A112 Study Committee and Commission Mandates, Constitution Preamble, and Presiding Bishop Election Process
1997-B003 Amend Canon I.2.1 [Election of the Presiding Bishop]

Indirectly Related:

1985-A151 Substitute Canon I.2.1 [Nomination and Election of the Presiding Bishop]

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: 2006-A112
Title: Study Committee and Commission Mandates, Constitution Preamble, and Presiding Bishop Election Process
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That all Commissions and Committees reevaluate their mandate and placement within the church structure, and to communicate their findings and suggestions to the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church one year before the 76th General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review and correct the Defined Terms for CCAB's as presented in their report to the 75th General Convention in response to feedback received pursuant to this resolution and propose structural changes to the CCAB system where changes would appear to be useful; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning any proposed changes to the Preamble of the Constitution with reference to the 'official' name of this Church, with particular consideration of being inclusive of our overseas dioceses and parishes; and be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention charge the Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church to review, study, and recommend to the 76th General Convention resolutions concerning changes to the process by which the Presiding Bishop would be nominated and elected.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Columbus, 2006* (New York: General Convention, 2007), pp. 192-193.



Resolution Number: 1997-B003
Title: Amend Canon I.2.1 [Election of the Presiding Bishop]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Submitted
Final Text:

Resolved, That Canon I.2.1(e) be amended by changing the last sentence thereof to read:
(e). After the election by the House of Bishops, report of the result thereof, including the number of votes cast for each nominee on each ballot, shall be made to the House of Deputies which shall vote to confirm or not to confirm such choice of Presiding Bishop.

This resolution shall be effective as from date of adoption.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, 1997* (New York: General Convention, 1998), p. 523.

TOPIC/TITLE: Canons: Amend Canon I.2.1: Joint Committee Mandate
 PROPOSER: Standing Commission on the Structure of the Church
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1 *Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.2.1 be amended by adding a new*
 2 *subsection (e), with succeeding subsections to be re-lettered as necessary, to read as follows:*
 3 *Sec. 1(e) The Joint Nominating Committee shall develop and manage a process for*
 4 *providing nominees to the General Convention at which a Presiding Bishop is to be*
 5 *elected. The process shall include 1) providing the names of not fewer than three*
 6 *members of the House of Bishops for consideration by the House of Bishops and the*
 7 *House of Deputies in the choice of a Presiding Bishop; 2) providing a timely process for*
 8 *any bishop or deputy to express the intent to nominate any other member of the House of*
 9 *Bishops from the floor at the time the Joint Nominating Committee presents its nominees*
 10 *to the joint session the two Houses, and for the Bishop so nominated to be included in the*
 11 *information distributed about the nominees; 3) providing pastoral care for each bishop*
 12 *being considered for nomination, the bishop's family, and his or her diocese; and 4)*
 13 *providing transition assistance to the Presiding Bishop and the Presiding Bishop-elect.*
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EXPLANATION:

The continued use of a Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop ensures full participation of all orders of the General Convention in the discernment and election processes. In reviewing and studying the way the Joint Nominating Committee has worked, the Commission heard from some members of recent Joint Nominating Committees who felt there was a lack of clarity about the scope of the Joint Nominating Committee's work in Canon 1.2.1(e) compared to the pastoral realities surrounding the nomination process. In order to provide greater clarity to future nominating Committees, the Standing Commission on Structure recommends this more specific mandate.