

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-C063
TITLE: Development of Consent Information System
PROPOSER: Diocese of Florida
COMMITTEE: Ministry

Directly Related: (attached)

None

Indirectly Related:

2006-A018 Amend Constitution Article II.2 [Election of Bishops--Second Reading]
2000-A030 Amend Canons III.22.3(a), 23.6(a), and 23.6(b) [Of the Election of Bishops and
Missionary Bishops]
1994-A131 Amend Canon III.22.1© [Procedure for Episcopal Election During Recess]
1991-A217 Amend Canon III.21 [Add Sec. 5: Objections to the Election Process]
1982-A025 Amend Canon III.14.1 [Of the Election of Bishops]

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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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention direct the
2 Office of the Presiding Bishop to develop a Consent Information System (CIS) for the
3 purpose of providing to diocesan bishops with jurisdiction and to diocesan standing
4 committees information on each bishop-elect in the consent process. This task involves
5 the determination of the type and format of information required as well as the timely
6 distribution of this information via the Internet or through electronic distribution. This
7 task also involves establishing procedures for the diocesan bishops with jurisdiction and
8 diocesan standing committees to interface directly with the bishop-elect for the purpose
9 of question and answer exchange and/or discussions on specified topics. The CIS shall
10 also make available the status of each bishop-elect in the consent process. Automation of
11 the entire consent process should also be looked at and implemented where possible.
12 This resolution also directs that this system be in place no later than July 31, 2010; and be
13 it further

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15 *Resolved*, That the General Convention request the Joint Standing Committee on
16 Program, Budget and Finance to consider a budget allocation of \$30,000 for the
17 implementation of this resolution.

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EXPLANATION:

Currently, information provided by electing dioceses asking consent for their bishop-elect is not uniform; additional information, when needed for well-informed consent decisions, is hard to gather; consent decisions are often made with little or no information available. Development of a system to better support the consent process is now technically feasible and should be used.