



Resolution Number: 2018-A151
Title: Amend Constitution Article II.4-8 [Bishops Suffragan--First Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Article II.4-8 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for a Diocese, at the request of the Bishop of that Diocese, to elect not more than two **Suffragan Bishops** *Suffragan*, without right of succession, and with seat and vote in the House of Bishops. A **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. A **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* shall be eligible for election as Bishop *Diocesan* or Bishop Coadjutor of a Diocese, or as a *Bishop Suffragan* in another Diocese.

Sec. 5. It shall be lawful for a Diocese to prescribe by the Constitution and Canons of such Diocese that upon the death, *removal or deposition* of the Bishop or if the Bishop resigns, a **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such Diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof until such time as a new Bishop shall be chosen and consecrated; or that during the disability or absence of the Bishop, a Bishop Suffragan of that Diocese may be placed in charge of such diocese and become temporarily the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

Sec. 6. A Bishop may not resign jurisdiction without the consent of the House of Bishops.

Sec. 7. It shall be lawful for the House of Bishops to elect a **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of those chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, Veterans' Administration Medical Centers, and Federal Correctional Institutions who are ordained Ministers of this Church. The **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* so elected shall be consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. The **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* shall be eligible for election as Bishop *Diocesan*, or Bishop Coadjutor or **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* of a Diocese.

Sec. 8. A Bishop *Diocesan* or Coadjutor who has for at least five years next preceding exercised jurisdiction as the *Ordinary*, served as the *Bishop Diocesan* or as the Bishop Coadjutor, of a Diocese for any period of time, may be elected as Bishop *Diocesan*, Bishop Coadjutor, or **Suffragan Bishop** *Suffragan* of another Diocese only if five or more years have passed since the Bishop first served as *Bishop Diocesan* or Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese in which the Bishop is currently or last served as *Bishop Diocesan* or Bishop Coadjutor. Before

acceptance of such election a resignation of jurisdiction in the Diocese in which the Bishop is then serving, conditioned on the required consents of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Church to such election, shall be submitted to the House of Bishops, and also, if the Bishop be a Bishop Coadjutor, a renunciation of the right of succession. Such resignation, and renunciation of the right of succession in the case of a Bishop Coadjutor, shall require the consent of the House of Bishops.

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