

## General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A114  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.8.2 on Term of Office for Board the Church Pension Fund  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**Topic:** Canons, Church Pension Fund

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### Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A105 Amend Canon I.8.2 [Election of Trustees]  
2018-B030 Review the Nominating Process for the Church Pension Fund Board  
2015-A301 Express Mind of the House on CPG Elections  
2003-D042 On the Topic of the Canon on Trustees of the CPF (Rejected)  
1988-D082 Amend Canon I.8.2 [Church Pension Fund: Trustees, How Elected]

**Indirectly Related:** (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

*In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1973 through 2018, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives through the [Research Request Form](#) or call 800-525-9329.*

# A114 - Amend Canon I.8.2 on Term of Office for Board the Church Pension Fund

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

**Amends C&C or Rules of Order:** Yes

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HB

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 02 - Constitution & Canons

**Completion Status:** Incomplete

**Latest House Action:** N/A

**Supporting Documents:** No

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 to read as follows.

**Sec. 2.** The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve ~~(12)~~ persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund ~~for a term of six (6) years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified,~~ and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. *Except for a Trustee filling a vacancy, the term of service of a Trustee shall begin at the adjournment of the regular meeting of the General Convention at which the Trustee was elected and expire upon the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Convention following.* Any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve ~~(12)~~ or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular *meeting of the* General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy.

## Explanation

Current Canon I.8.2 provides a six-year term of office for members of the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, and for their election by the General Convention. Successors are elected at a subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention. The postponement of the 80th General Convention from 2021 to 2022 exposed a problem with terms of office fixed at a certain number of years rather than by intervals between regular meetings of the General Convention. The Commission found that tying the expiration of terms of office to the adjournment of a subsequent regular meeting of the General Convention – whenever it may in fact occur - would be a sounder way to structure them – and avoid questions and concerns about when a term of office expires in the unlikely event of the postponement of a regular meeting of the General Convention or in calculating the exact date that a term defined by calendar years may cause.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-A105  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.8.2 [Election of Trustees]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend Canon I.8.2 as follows:*

**Sec. 2. The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. ~~Effective January 1, 1989,~~ Any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 1114.



**Resolution Number:** 2018-B030  
**Title:** Review the Nominating Process for the Church Pension Fund Board  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention direct the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons to review the process for the nomination of candidates to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund contained in Canon I.8, the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies and any other relevant Canons or rules, and propose amendments to address any inconsistencies.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 1120.



**Resolution Number:** 2015-A301  
**Title:** Express Mind of the House on CPG Elections  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Adopted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved,* The consent given by the House of Bishops to the election of Trustees for the Church Pension Fund is not intended to establish a precedent regarding to the process used to nominate candidates for election at the 78th General Convention.

Looking ahead to the 79th General Convention, the House requests the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to review the relevant canons and rules regarding the nomination and election of Church Pension Fund trustees. This is in order to clarify any confusion about this nomination/election process before work begins in the coming triennium.

The House of Bishops asks the Standing Commission on Constitution and Canons to consult with relevant stakeholders in the nomination/election process and report the results of its review to the Presiding Officers of both houses, the Board of Trustees of the Church Pension Fund, and the chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 398.



**Resolution Number:** 2003-D042  
**Title:** On the Topic of the Canon on Trustees of the CPF  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Rejected  
**Text of Resolution:**

*Resolved*, the House of Deputies concurring, That Canon I.8.2 be amended to read as follows:

The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of The Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees. *At a meeting following the General Convention, the Trustees of the Church Pension Fund may elect up to three (3) additional persons to serve until the next General Convention if the Trustees believe there are particular areas of expertise that need strengthening on the Board of Trustees.* ~~Effective January 1, 1989, a~~ Any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve ~~or more~~ consecutive years shall not be eligible for reelection until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for reelection to the Board of Trustees. Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, *ad interim*, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy.



**Resolution Number:** 1988-D082  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.8.2 [Church Pension Fund: Trustees, How Elected]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Title I, Canon 8, Sec. 2 be amended as follows:*

**Sec. 2.** The General Convention at each regular meeting shall elect, on the nomination of a Joint Committee thereof, twelve persons to serve as Trustees of the Church Pension Fund for a term of six years and until their successors shall have been elected and have qualified, and shall also fill such vacancies as may exist on the Board of Trustees ~~; except that the meeting held in the year 1970, the General Convention shall elect four persons to serve for a term of three years and four persons to serve for a term of six years. Any person elected after the date of this amendment may serve not more than two consecutive six year terms.~~ *Effective January 1, 1989, any person who has been elected as a Trustee by General Convention for twelve or more consecutive years shall not be eligible for re-election until the next regular General Convention following the one in which that person was not eligible for re-election to the Board of Trustees.* Any vacancy which occurs at a time when the General Convention is not in session may be filled by the Board of Trustees by appointment, ad interim, of a Trustee who shall serve until the next session of the General Convention thereafter shall have elected a Trustee to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term pertaining to such vacancy. ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any Trustee elected before it was amended as herein set forth from serving the full term for which he was elected or from being subsequently elected or re-elected as a Trustee under the provisions hereof.~~

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Detroit, 1988* (New York: General Convention, 1989), p. 287.