

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A135  
**Title:** Amend Joint Rule of Order VII.22 to Streamline the Procedure for Obtaining a Background Check, if Required, before a Nomination from the House Floor  
**Proposer:** 01 - Rules of Order/HoD  
**Topic:** Rules of Order (Jt.)

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### **Directly Related:** (Attached)

2018-A103 Amend Joint Rules, Section VII [Joint Standing Committee on Nominations]

**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.*

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**Final Status:** Not Yet Finalized

**Proposed by:** 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

**Requests New Interim Body:** No

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

**Has Budget Implications:** No

**Cost:**

**HiA:** HD

**Legislative Committee Currently Assigned:** 01 - Joint Rules of Order

**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 Joint Rule of Order VII.22 to read as follows:

**<Amended text as it would appear if adopted and concurred. Scroll below the line of asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*) to see the version showing all deleted and added text.>**

22. Any person desiring to be nominated from the floor of the House for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, but no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first legislative day of General Convention, submit the person's name and other necessary information to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention for the purpose of submitting to a background check in accordance with the preceding House of Deputies Rule 21.

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**<Proposed amended resolution text showing exact changes being made:>**

~~22. Any person desiring to be nominated for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, but no later than four months prior to the start of General Convention, submit the person's application to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purpose of submitting to a background check.~~

*Any person desiring to be nominated from the floor of the House for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, but no later than sixty (60) days prior to the first legislative day of General Convention, submit the person's name and other necessary information to the Office of the Secretary of General Convention for the purpose of submitting to a background check in accordance with the preceding House of Deputies Rule 21.*

**Explanation**

This Resolution clarifies, and shortens, the procedure for submitting a person's name and other necessary information to perform a background check for those offices that require such a check, prior to being nominated from the floor of the House.





**Resolution Number:** 2018-A103  
**Title:** Amend Joint Rules, Section VII [Joint Standing Committee on Nominations]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Substituted  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 79th General Convention amend the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, Section VII, as follows:*

**Insert:**

*21. (a) The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, through the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, will secure background checks on its and any other nominees for Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund. These background checks will cover criminal records checks and sexual offender registry checks in any state where a proposed nominee has resided during the prior seven (7) years, any appropriate professional licensing bodies with jurisdiction over a nominee's professional status and any violations of state or federal securities or banking laws. The records checks of proposed nominees from outside the United States will cover the same information from comparable authorities in the place of principal residence of the proposed nominee.*

*(b) The required background check will be done prior to accepting a proposed nomination.*

*(c) Background check results will be reviewed by the Office of the Secretary of General Convention. If that Office, after consultation with the Chief Legal Officer, determines that the results should preclude a person from holding the office sought, the Office shall share the determination with the proposed nominee and remit that determination, but not the background check results, to the nominating authority. Background check information shall not be shared beyond the Office of the Secretary of General Convention, the Chief Legal Officer, and proposed nominees who request their own information. The cost of background checks under this rule shall be covered by the General Convention budget.*

*22. Any person desiring to be nominated for any of the offices of the Secretary of the General Convention, Treasurer of the General Convention, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Deputies, Executive Council, and Trustee of The Church Pension Fund shall, at a time determined by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, but no later than four (4) months prior to the start of General Convention, submit the person's application to the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations for the purpose of submitting to a background check.*

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 1107-1108.