

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A148  
**Title:** Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--Second Reading]  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**Topic:** Bishops, Constitution--Second Reading

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

2018-A150 Amend Constitution Article I.2 [House of Bishops--First Reading]

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

2015-B011 Amend Constitution Article II.7 [Bishop Suffragan for Chaplains--First Reading]

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# A148 - Amend Constitution Article I.2

## [House of Bishops--Second Reading]

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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 Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended 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.>**

Article I

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every Bishop Suffragan, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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

Article I

Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every *Bishop* Suffragan ~~Bishop~~, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **Explanation**

The amendment in the first sentence makes the use of the term “Bishop Suffragan” consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.





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**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:*

**Article I**

**Sec. 2.** Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every *Bishop Suffragan Bishop*, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 366.