

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

**Resolution No.:** 2022-A151  
**Title:** Amend Constitution Article IV [Standing Committees--Second Reading]  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**Topic:** Bishops, Constitution--Second Reading

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

2018-A153 Amend Constitution Article IV [Standing Committees--First Reading]

**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.*

# A151 - Amend Constitution Article IV

## [Standing Committees--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 IV 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 IV

In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Bishop Suffragan canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

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

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### **Explanation**

The amendment makes the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.





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

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**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), p. 355.