

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2022 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2022-D021
Title: Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]
Proposer: Deputy Nathan Brown
Topic: House of Deputies, Rules of Order

Directly Related: (Attached)

None

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: Deputy Nathan Brown

Endorsed by: Mr. Adam Hamilton-Ferguson, Mr. Richard Pryor

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 - Rules of Order/HoD

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 80th General Convention amends Section XIV of the House Rules of Order to add a new subsection F as follows:

F. Reporting. The tally of the results of all recorded votes, whether a standard electronic vote or a vote by orders, shall be recorded in the Journal of Convention. Standard electronic votes shall record the total number of votes cast in favor, opposed, or abstaining. Votes by Orders shall be reported by the total number of deputations voting for, against, or divided.

Explanation

Under our current rules, there is no requirement that vote totals be reported in the Journal. While the totals of votes by orders are recorded, other votes are not, and I can not find any specific requirement concerning reporting votes by orders. Oftentimes, General Convention evolves on issues, and it is useful to see the progression of the House's senses on an issue when determining how to proceed in future. I also believe it is important that the journal contains a complete record of vote totals, since this information is easily obtained with our recorded vote system or by records from votes by orders.