

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A004
Title: Amend the House of Deputies Rule of Order XV.A.3 to Conform it to Current Practice Regarding the Form of Nominations from the Floor of the House
Proposer: Secretary of General Convention
Topic: Appointments/Elections, House of Deputies, Rules of Order

Directly Related: (Attached)

2018-A186 Amend House of Deputies Rules of Order XV [Elections]

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

2015-A152 Adopt New Rules of Order for the House of Deputies

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A004 - Amend the House of Deputies Rule of Order XV.A.3 to Conform it to Current Practice Regarding the Form of Nominations from the Floor of the House

Final Status: Not Yet Finalized

Proposed by: Secretary of General Convention

Has Budget Implications: No

Cost:

Amends C&C or Rules of Order: Yes

Requests New Interim Body: No

Changes Mandate Of Existing Ib: No

Directs Dfms Staff: No

Directs Dioceses: No

Directs Executive Council: No

HiA: No House Assigned

Legislative Committee Currently Assigned: No Committee Assigned

Completion Status: Incomplete

Latest House Action: N/A

Supporting Documents: No

Resolution Text

Resolved, That the House of Deputies amend the House of Deputies Rule of Order XV.A.3 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.>**

XV: Elections

A. Nominations

3. Each nomination must be submitted to the Secretary, in a form determined by the Office of the Secretary of the House, consistent with the form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations. The Secretary will publish all nominations by the end of the third legislative day.

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

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Explanation

This resolution was referred from the 80th General Convention. It was proposed by Legislative Committee 01 - Rules of Order/HoD, listed as 2022-A134, and referred to Legislative Committee 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

This Resolution conforms the language of the Rule to current practice.



Resolution Number: 2018-A186
Title: Amend House of Deputies Rules of Order XV [Elections]
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted as Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That the House of Deputies of the 79th General Convention amends XV of the House Rules of Order as follows:

XV. Elections
(A) Nominations

(1) The submission of the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations to the General Convention of its nominees will automatically nominate those persons for any election to be conducted by the House.

(12) ~~Nominations by~~ Any two Deputies may nominate additional eligible persons ~~are permitted before~~ in any election to be conducted by the House.

(23) Each nomination is ~~must be~~ submitted ~~in writing to the Secretary, in a form adopted by the Joint Standing Committee on Nominations, to the Secretary.~~ The Secretary will publish all nominations ~~no later than~~ by the end of the third legislative day.

(4) All Nominations must be submitted by the adjournment of the third legislative day, except that:

(i) Nominations for the office of Vice President of the House must be submitted by the adjournment of the next legislative day after the election of the President of the House of Deputies has been completed.

(35) ~~There are no nominating speeches for any office or position, except for the President and the Vice-President of the House. No nominating speeches will be held for any office or position. In a contested election for President or Vice President of the House, a candidate forum may be organized by the Secretary to allow the nominees to give a brief speech and Deputies the opportunity to ask questions of the nominees.~~

(B) Voting Requirements

(1) All elections will be by individual secret ballot, paper or electronic, except where there are no more nominees than open

seats, in which case ~~the a~~ voice vote may be ~~by~~ ~~voice~~ held at the discretion of the President.

(2) A majority vote is required to elect *unless the Constitution, Canons, or Rules of Order requires a different vote. In any election in which more than one position will be filled from the same pool of nominees, a majority is calculated based upon the number of voters who cast a ballot in that election.*

(3) *On any ballot prepared by the Secretary, the candidates will be listed in alphabetical order by last name.*

(C) Balloting Procedures

(1) *In all elections in which there are eight or fewer nominees, the following voting procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:*

(i) ~~after the third ballot there will only be two more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot,~~ the nominees will be reduced to two more than the number of vacancies to be filled; and

(ii) ~~After the fifth ballot only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled will be on the ballot,~~ the nominees will be reduced to one more than the number of vacancies to be filled.

(2) *In all elections in which there are more than eight nominees, the following procedure will be used if the election has not been completed:*

(i) ~~After the third ballot there will be only,~~ the nominees will be reduced to four more nominees than the number of vacancies to be filled ~~on the ballot in the election;~~ and

(3ii) ~~After the fifth ballot, the nominees there will be reduced to only one more nominee than the number of vacancies to be filled on the ballot in the election.~~

(3) *In all cases where nominees are to be reduced under these rules, the nominees with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated.*

(4) *If more nominees receive a majority vote than the number of positions to be elected, those nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.*

(5) If there is a tie to either eliminate or elect a nominee, a runoff ballot will be held between the nominees tied.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Austin, 2018* (New York: General Convention, 2018), pp. 322-323.