

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A005
Title: Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F
Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee
Proposer: Secretary of General Convention
Topic: General Convention, 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 2022, 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](#).

A005 - Amend the House of Deputies Rules of Order by Adding a New Rule VII.F Referral to the Constitutions and Canons Legislative Committee

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 lb: 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 Rules of Order to add a new Rule VII.F 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.>**

VII: Resolutions and memorials

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Committee. In such case the Committee shall neither concern itself with, nor report on, the substance of the matter referred to it, but whenever requested to do so by the Presiding Officer of the House, the Committee shall in its report to the House make recommendations as to substance.

<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-A136, and referred to Legislative Committee 01 - Rules of Order/HoD

This Resolution proposes a requirement that any resolution that affects the Constitution and Canons is reviewed by the Constitution and Canons Legislative Committee before it is sent to the House.