

General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report

Resolution No.: 2024-A013
Title: Amending HoD Rule of Order XIV [Recording Vote Totals in the Journal]
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](#).

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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 of the 81st General Convention amends Section XIV of the House Rules of Order to add a new subsection F 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.>**

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<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 Deputy Nathan Brown and endorsed by Mr. Adam Hamilton-Ferguson and Mr. Richard Pryor; listed as 2022-D021; and referred to Legislative Committee 01 - Rules of Order/HoD.

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.