

## **General Convention of The Episcopal Church 2024 Archives' Research Report**

**Resolution No.:** 2024-A060  
**Title:** Amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**Proposer:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**Topic:** Canons, Structure

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2022-A034 Refer a Resolution on Clarifying the Standing Commission's Mandate (Referred)

**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:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons

**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

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## Resolution Text

*Resolved,* That the 81st General Convention amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi.

<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.>

I.1.2.n.1.vi

vi. Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards, and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, where appropriate, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, or changing of the affiliation of a, Committee, Commission, Board, or body for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible, it will, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

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

vi. Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards, *and other governing bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible* to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, *where appropriate*, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new, *or changing of the affiliation of a*, Committee, Commission, Board, *or Agency* ~~body for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible, it will~~ ~~it shall~~, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.

**Explanation**

Resolution 2022-A034 was referred to the Commission. The referred resolution would have added language to Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi that would authorize review of “Agencies and other governing bodies.” The Commission decided not to add the term “Agencies” as that term is not defined in the canons and not to add the term “other governing bodies” as broader than likely intended. The Commission instead recommends adding the language “and bodies for which The Episcopal Church may be legally responsible.” The objective is to encourage responsible oversight of all bodies within The Episcopal Church. The Commission also recommends changing “shall” to “will” in connection with referrals to this Standing Commission.



**Resolution Number:** 2022-A034  
**Title:** Refer a Resolution on Clarifying the Standing Commission's Mandate  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Referred  
**Final Text:**

*Resolved, That the 80th General Convention amend Canon I.1.2.n.1.vi to read as follows:*

**Canon I.1**

**Sec. 2**

**n. There shall be the following Standing Commissions:**

**1. A Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:**

**vi. Study and make recommendations concerning the structure of the General Convention and of The Episcopal Church. It shall, from time to time, review the operation of the several Committees, Commissions, and Boards, Agencies and other governing bodies to determine the necessity for their continuance and the effectiveness of their functions and, where appropriate, to bring about a coordination of their efforts. Whenever a proposal is made for the creation of a new Committee, Commission, Board, or Agency or other governing body, it shall, wherever feasible, be referred to this Standing Commission for its consideration and advice.**

**Citation:** General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Baltimore, 2022* (New York: General Convention, 2023), pp. 602-603.