

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
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PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
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2012-A120 Amend Canon I.1.1(b) [Election of GC President and Vice President]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see pages 396-397.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon I.1(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (b) There shall be a President and a Vice-President of the House of Deputies, who shall perform the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices or specified in these Canons. They shall be elected not later than the seventh day of each regular meeting of the General Convention in the manner herein set forth. The House of Deputies shall elect from its membership, by a majority of separate ballots, a President and a Vice-President, who shall be of different orders. Such officers shall take office at the adjournment of the regular meeting at which they are elected, and shall continue in office until the adjournment of the following regular meeting of the General Convention. They shall be and remain *ex-officio* members of the House during their term of office. No person elected President or Vice-President shall be eligible for more than three (3) consecutive full terms in each respective office. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability, of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the office until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. In case of resignation, death, absence, or inability of the Vice-President, the President shall appoint a Deputy of the opposite order, upon the advice and consent of the lay persons, presbyters and deacons of the Executive Council, who shall serve until the adjournment of the next meeting of the General Convention. The President shall be authorized to appoint an Advisory Council for consultation and advice in the performance of the duties of the office. The President may also appoint a Chancellor to the President, a confirmed adult communicant of the Church in good standing who is learned in both ecclesiastical and secular law, to serve so long as the President may desire, as counselor in matters relating to the discharge of the responsibilities of that office. *The President of the House of Deputies may, from time to time, assemble the House of Deputies of this Church to meet as a House of Deputies, and set the time, place, and manner of such meetings.*

EXPLANATION

The House of Deputies could benefit from having the opportunity to meet for the purpose of education, the development of collegiality and to discuss matters weighty to the Church's life, mission,

worship, ministry and vitality. The members of the House of Deputies retain their membership in the House from General Convention to General Convention, and this would allow them to actively exercise their ministry in community. It recognizes the very positive effect the meetings of the House of Bishops has on each attending Bishop during their interim meetings between General Conventions. No actions requiring the approval of General Convention may be taken in any meeting of the House of Deputies, separate from a General Convention.