

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A122
TITLE: Amend Article IX to change Removal to Admonition
PROPOSER: Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
TOPIC: Constitution

Directly Related: (Attached)

1994-A019 Amend Canon IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]

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

None

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see pages 438-439.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the Article IX of the Constitution be amended as follows:
 - 2 ARTICLE IX
 - 3 The General Convention may, by Canon, establish one or more Courts for the Trial of Bishops.
 - 4 Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Diocese shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention thereof; Presbyters and Deacons canonically resident in a Missionary Diocese shall be tried according to Canons adopted by the Bishop and Convocation thereof, with the approval of the House of Bishops; provided that the General Convention in each case may prescribe by Canon for a change of venue.
 - 5 The General Convention, in like manner, may establish or may provide for the establishment of Courts of Review of the determination of diocesan or other trial Courts
 - 6 The Court for the review of the determination of the trial Court, on the trial of a Bishop, shall be composed of Bishops only.
 - 7 The General Convention, in like manner, may establish an ultimate Court of Appeal, solely for the review of the determination of any Court of Review on questions of Doctrine, Faith, or Worship.
 - 8 None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of *admonition*, or suspension, ~~or removal~~ or deposition from the Ministry, on any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon; and none but a Bishop shall admonish any Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon.
 - 9 A sentence of suspension shall specify on what terms or conditions and at what time the suspension shall cease. A sentence of suspension may be remitted in such manner as may be provided by Canon.
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EXPLANATION

In 1994 “removal” was eliminated from Title IV of the Canons as a sentence (Canon IV.14.27 of Constitution and Canons, 1994) and Admonition was added as a sentence (Canon IV.12.1(a) of Constitution and Canons, 1994) but the reference to removal in Article IX of the Constitution was not changed.



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Title: Amend Canon IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Amended
Final Text:

[*Resolved*, that **Canons IV.12.1(a) and IV.14.27** be amended to read as follows:]

CANON 12.

Sec. 1(a). The three sentences which may be adjudged by a Trial Court and imposed are Admonition, Suspension, or Deposition.

CANON 14

Sec. 27. Former Sentence of Removal. Solely for the purposes of the application of these Canons to persons who have received the pronouncement of the former sentence of removal, the former sentence of removal shall be deemed to have been a Sentence of deposition.

Citation: Canons IV.12.1(a) and IV.14.27 are excerpted from the Final Text of 1994-A019, which revised Canon IV. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church*, Indianapolis, 1994 (New York General Convention USA, 1995), pp. 845-90.