

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A127  
**TITLE:** Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops  
**PROPOSER:** Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons  
**TOPIC:** Canons

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

2009-A185 Amend Title IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]

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

2012-A001 Amend Joint Rules of Order VII.17 [Joint Standing Committee on Nominations]

**Supplemental Documents:** (Linked)

*(Blue Book) Report to General Convention, [Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons](#), see pages 442-443.*

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# A127 Amend Canon IV.17.3 - Membership on Disciplinary Board for Bishops

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That Canon IV.17.3 be amended as follows:
- 2 Sec. 3. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, to hear Bishops' appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall consist of ten (10) Bishops elected ~~at any regularly scheduled meeting of~~ *by the House of Bishops at a regularly scheduled session of General Convention*, and four (4) Priests or Deacons and four (4) lay persons ~~initially appointed by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay and clergy members of the Executive Council and thereafter elected by the House of Deputies.~~ All lay persons *elected or appointed* to serve shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing. Members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years, with terms of one half of the Bishops and one half of the lay persons, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring every three (3) years ~~with the first expirations occurring at the end of the year 2012.~~
- 3 *A vacancy among the member Bishops shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop with the advice and consent of the Bishop members of Executive Council. A vacancy among the lay or Priest or Deacon members shall be filled by the President of the House of Deputies with the advice and consent of the lay, Priest and Deacon members of Executive Council. Unless elected or appointed to fill the remainder of an unexpired term, each member shall serve from the first day of January following the adjournment of the General Convention at which the member was elected, until the last day of December of the sixth calendar year following election and until the member's successor is elected and qualifies; however, there shall be no change in the composition of any Hearing Panel while a matter is pending unresolved before the Hearing Panel.*

## EXPLANATION

This legislation increases the number of lay and clergy members of the Disciplinary Board for

Bishops. It also clarifies when terms of office begin and end, provides for members to continue in office while certain matters remain pending, and clarifies how vacancies are filled.



**Resolution Number:** 2009-A185  
**Title:** Amend Title IV [Ecclesiastical Discipline]  
**Legislative Action Taken:** Concurred as Amended  
**Final Text:**

[*Resolved, That Canon IV.17.3 is amended to read as follows.*]

**Sec. 3. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops is hereby established as a court of the Church to have original jurisdiction over matters of discipline of Bishops, to hear Bishops' appeals from imposition of restriction on ministry or placement on Administrative Leave and to determine venue issues as provided in Canon IV.19.5. The Disciplinary Board for Bishops shall consist of ten Bishops elected at any regularly scheduled meeting of the House of Bishops, and four Priests or Deacons and four lay persons *initially* appointed by the President of the House of Deputies *with the advice and consent of the lay and clergy members of the Executive Council and thereafter elected by the House of Deputies*. All lay persons appointed to serve shall be confirmed adult communicants in good standing. Members of the Board shall serve staggered terms of six years, with terms of one half of the Bishops and one half of the lay persons, Priests and Deacons collectively expiring every three years, with the first expirations occurring at the end of the year 2012.**

**Citation:** Canon IV.17.3 is excerpted from the Final Text of the revision to Title IV. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Anaheim, 2009* (New York: General Convention, 2009), pp. 227-266.