

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

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TITLE: Amend Article I.2 of the Constitution
PROPOSER: Task Force on the Episcopacy
TOPIC: Constitution

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None

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2015-B011 Amend Constitution Article II.7 [Bishop Suffragan for Chaplains--First Reading]

Supplemental Documents: (Linked)

(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see pages 747-748.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 Article I
- 3 Sec. 2. Each Bishop of this Church having jurisdiction, every Bishop Coadjutor, every *Bishop Suffragan Bishop*, every Assistant Bishop, and every Bishop who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction, shall have a seat and a vote in the House of Bishops. A majority of all Bishops entitled to vote, exclusive of Bishops who have resigned their jurisdiction or positions, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. *Bishops who exercise or have jurisdiction are those who exercise ecclesiastical authority in a diocese or other jurisdiction of this Church.*

EXPLANATION

The amendment in the first sentence makes the use of the term “Bishop Suffragan” consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons. The final sentence clarifies the meaning of “exercising” or “having” jurisdiction, including jurisdiction over areas that are not dioceses such as Navajoland, the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction), and Guam (over which the Presiding Bishop exercises jurisdiction).