

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2018
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(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see page 750.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Article IV of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 ARTICLE IV
- 3 In every Diocese a Standing Committee shall be elected by the Convention thereof, except that provision for filling vacancies between meetings of the Convention may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses. When there is a Bishop in charge of the Diocese, the Standing Committee shall be the Bishop's Council of Advice. If there be no Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or *Bishop Suffragan* ~~Bishop~~ canonically authorized to act, the Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese for all purposes declared by the General Convention. The rights and duties of the Standing Committee, except as provided in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, may be prescribed by the Canons of the respective Dioceses.

EXPLANATION

The amendment makes the titles of bishops consistent throughout the Constitution and Canons.