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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.5.1(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (c) In case of a vacancy in the episcopate in a Diocese, *as defined in Canon III.12.4(d)*, the Ecclesiastical Authority may authorize and request the President of the House of Bishops of the Province to take order for an ordination.

EXPLANATION

This amendment clarifies that the term vacancy is a term defined in the Canons (see proposed Canon III.12.4(d)).