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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Canon III.11.9(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 (b) Bishops Suffragan
- 3 (1) If a Diocese discerns a need for another Bishop due to the extent of diocesan work, the Diocese may elect a Bishop Suffragan in accordance with *Canon III.11.1* and this Canon *III.11.9(b)*.
- 4 ~~(2) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the consent of a majority of the Bishops exercising jurisdiction and of the several Standing Committees must be obtained.~~
- 5 ~~(3)~~ (i) (2)(i) A Bishop Suffragan shall act as an assistant to and under the direction of the Bishop Diocesan.
- 6 (ii) Before the election of a Bishop Suffragan in a Diocese, the Bishop Diocesan shall submit a consent with a description of the role and the duties of the Bishop Suffragan to the Convention of the Diocese.
- 7 ~~(4)~~ (3) The tenure of office of a Bishop Suffragan shall not be determined by the tenure of office of the Bishop Diocesan.
- 8 ~~(5)~~ (4) No Bishop Suffragan, while acting as such, shall be Rector, but may serve as Member of the Clergy in charge of a Congregation.

EXPLANATION

The amendment eliminates provisions that will be covered by amendments to Canon III.11.1 and renumbers Section 9(b).