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(*Blue Book*) Report to General Convention, [Task Force on the Episcopacy](#), see page 762.

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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring,

- 2 That Section 9(a) of Canon III.12.9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 3 (a) Each Bishop, upon attaining the age of seventy-two years, shall resign as required by Article II, Sec. 9 of the Constitution. The resignation shall be sent to the Presiding Bishop, who shall immediately communicate it to every Bishop of this Church exercising jurisdiction and shall declare the resignation accepted, effective at a designated date not later than three months from the date the resignation was tendered. *No Bishop having reached the age of seventy-two years shall exercise jurisdiction.*

EXPLANATION

The amendment clarifies that Bishops are not only required to resign jurisdiction when they reach the age of 72 as provided in Article II.9 but are also not authorized to exercise jurisdiction after reaching the age of seventy-two in a provisional or other capacity.