

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A177
TITLE: Amend Article I.1 - second reading
PROPOSER: Secretary of General Convention
TOPIC: Constitution

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-D008 Amend Constitution Article I.1 [General Convention--First Reading]
2012-B015 On the Topic of a Unicameral General Convention (Rejected)

Indirectly Related: (Available in the [Acts of Convention](#) database, searchable by resolution number)

None

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Proposer	Secretary of General Convention
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
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RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1 There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses shall sit, *debate*, and ~~deliberate~~ *vote* separately, *unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may be Canon establish procedures for such sessions. ; and i* In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

EXPLANATION

In response to the actions of the 78th General Convention (Doo8), the Secretary of General Convention hereby submits for a second reading.



Resolution Number: 2015-D008
Title: Amend Constitution Article I.1 [General Convention--First Reading]
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred as Substituted and Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses ~~shall~~*will sit, and deliberate debate, and vote separately; unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. and i/n* all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), p. 463.



Resolution Number: 2012-B015
Title: On the Topic of a Unicameral General Convention
Legislative Action Taken: Rejected [Died with Adjournment]
Text of Resolution:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of ~~the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies~~, which ~~Houses~~ shall sit and deliberate ~~separately together~~; and in all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. ~~Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.~~ *To constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, a majority of all Bishops entitled to vote shall be present and a majority of the Dioceses entitled to representation shall be represented by at least one Deputy who is a Presbyter or Deacon and one Deputy who is a Lay Person.*