

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 2018-A185
TITLE: Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D
PROPOSER: President of House of Deputies
TOPIC: Rules of Order

Directly Related: (Attached)

2015-A152 Adopt New Rules of Order for the House of Deputies

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

None

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions in the Acts of Convention database for the period 1976 through 2015, selecting “direct” resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. The “direct” resolutions are attached and “indirect” resolutions are available in the Acts of Convention database. Committee members who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.

A185 Amend House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D

Proposer	President of the House of Deputies
Endorsed by	
Sponsored by	
Page numbers	Blue Book: p. N/A; Constitution & Canons: p. N/A
HiA / Leg. Cttee	HD / 01 - Rules of Order/HOD
Current Status	Resolution Filed
Version	Original (as filed)
Review Status	Not yet reviewed

RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Deputies amends Rule VII of its Rules of Order as follows:
- 2 (3) During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:
 - 3 (i) speak up to two (2) minutes, ~~or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required,~~
after being recognized by the Chair; and
 - 4 (ii) speak twice on the matter.
- 5 (4) If translation or interpretation is required for a member to present his or her remarks during a debate, all time limits on the debate will be extended by two minutes.

EXPLANATION

This resolution is clean up from the comprehensive revision of the House of Deputies Rules of Order adopted in 2015. Although the new Rules of Order provide a deputy's time limit is extended to allow for translation, the extension did not apply to other time limits in a debate. This resolution fixes that by ensuring that all time limits are extended to allow for translation and there is no inadvertent penalty to the time allocated for debate due to the participation of a deputy who requires translation.



Resolution Number: 2015-A152
Title: Adopt New Rules of Order for the House of Deputies
Legislative Action Taken: Adopted as Amended
Final Text:

[Resolved, that pursuant to Canon I.1.2, the House of Deputies hereby repeals its existing Rules of Order and adopts the attached Rules of Order:]

XII. Debate

D. Time Limits

- 1. A total of 30 minutes is the maximum time allowed to debate on:**
 - i. any matter; and**
 - ii. all motions related to that matter.**
- 2. If a person rises to speak during the first six minutes of debate on a matter, no member may move the following unless no person seeks to debate on the matter:**
 - i. amend the motion or Resolution;**
 - ii. move a substitute;**
 - iii. end debate.**
- 3. During a debate on any motion or other matter, a member may:**
 - i. speak up to two (2) minutes, or up to four (4) minutes if translation is required, after being recognized by the Chair;**
 - ii. speak twice.**

Citation: House of Deputies Rule of Order XII.D is excerpted from the Final Text of 2015-A152, which revised the House of Deputies Rules of Order. See General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Salt Lake City, 2015* (New York: General Convention, 2015), pp. 558-586.