

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

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2018-A194  
**TITLE:** Study Revision of Joint Rules of Order  
**PROPOSER:** 01 - Rules of Order/HOD  
**TOPIC:** Rules of Order (Jt.)

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**Directly Related:** (Attached)

None

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

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

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# A194 Study Revision of Joint Rules of Order

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## RESOLUTION TEXT

- 1 *Resolved*, the House of \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That pursuant to Rule IX of the Joint Rules of Order of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, the General Convention will establish a task force consisting of four bishops appointed by the Presiding Bishop and four clergy or lay persons appointed by the President of the House of Deputies, to study the Joint Rules of Order and report back to the 80th General Convention on its findings and with a proposed revision of the Joint Rules of Order; the expenses of the task force will be paid from the triennial budget's interim bodies line item.

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## EXPLANATION

The House of Deputies substantially revised its Rules of Order in 2015. The House of Bishops revised its Rules of Order in 2018. It now seems sensible to engage in a review of the Joint Rules of Order to explore ways to improve their readability efficiency and usefulness and ensure that they are in accord with the recent revisions to both House's Rules of Order.