

Proposed Resolution Confirming Implementation of Amendment to Article IX, Standing Committee

Background and Rationale

In 2019, Convention approved on First Reading an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution, Standing Committee, which would add the following restriction: “No individual parish shall be eligible to provide more than two concurrent members to the Standing Committee, regardless of Clergy or Lay status.” As published in the Preconvention Journal 2019 and as considered by Convention, the Rationale for this amendment stated: “This change would first apply in elections in 2022 and thus does not affect any current members of Standing Committee and gives the Diocese time to adjust to this restriction.” The purpose of the resolution below is to confirm that if approved upon a Second Reading in 2020, this amendment will first apply to elections to the Standing Committee taking place in 2021 for positions commencing January 1, 2022, and that no current members of Standing Committee are affected by the change. The resolution also confirms that any appointment to Standing Committee under Article IX, Section 5, to complete a term extending beyond the end of 2021 is subject to the restriction.

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Resolved, that the following process shall be used to implement the amendment to Article IX, restricting the number of persons eligible to serve on Standing Committee from an individual parish, should it be approved upon a Second Reading:

1. All current members of the Standing Committee shall be authorized to serve the balance of their current terms.
2. The restriction on the number of persons eligible to serve on Standing Committee from an individual parish shall first apply to the elections held in 2021 for terms commencing January 1, 2022.
3. The restriction on the number of persons eligible to serve on Standing Committee from an individual parish shall also apply to the filling of any vacancies on the Standing Committee under Article IX, Section 5 for any position with a term extending beyond December 31, 2021.