

Special Rule of Order to Implement the Amendment to Article III, Section 2, Members of Convention

Background and Rationale

Last year, Convention approved on First Reading an amendment to Article III, Section 2 that if approved on Second Reading will enable Convention to grant seat, voice and vote at the Annual Convention to a member of the Clergy of a church in full communion with the Episcopal Church who is currently serving in one of our congregations.

This Special Rule of Order suspends the ordinary rule that constitutional and canonical changes do not become effective until the close of the convention approving them. By passing this Special Rule of Order, Convention will have the ability to put the constitutional amendment into effect at this Annual Convention, and allow eligible members of the Clergy to have seat, voice and vote as soon as the Constitutional amendment is approved upon a Second Reading.

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Resolved, that Convention hereby adopts this Special Rule of Order to govern the implementation of the amendment to Article III, Section 2, Members of Convention, should it be approved on Second Reading.

Should Convention approve the amendment on Second Reading, the amendment shall immediately become effective, and Convention may immediately entertain a motion to grant seat, voice and vote at this sitting of Convention to eligible members of the Clergy of a church in full communion with the Episcopal Church who are serving in a congregation of the Diocese.

Any other Rule of Order inconsistent with this Special Rule of Order is suspended solely for the purpose of allowing this Special Rule of Order to take precedence with respect to this amendment.