

July 20, 2026

From: Constitution and Canons Committee

BE IT PROPOSED that at the Annual Meeting of the 189th Convention of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Louisiana, being held October 23 and 24, 2026, at Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, The Convention vote in favor of the following amendments to Article V, Sections 3 and 4 and to Article VIII, Section 1, first paragraph of (b) of the Constitution and to enactment of Article V, Section 4.1 of the Constitution

That Article V, Sections 3 and 4 be amended and Section 4.1 be enacted and that Article VIII, Section 1 first paragraph of (b) be amended to read as follows:

Resolutions:

Amend Article V, Sections 3 and 4, and enact Section 4.1 and Amend Article VIII, Section 1, first paragraph of (b)

Purpose: To amend Article V, Sections 3 and 4, and to enact Section 4.1 of the Constitution of the Diocese to provide for rights to seat, voice and vote of clergy at meetings of The Convention and to amend Article VIII, Section 1, first paragraph of (b) of the Constitution of the Diocese to shorten the notice period for proposed amendments to the Constitution and to allow for notice by electronic means.

Resolution:

ARTICLE V

THE CONVENTION

Section 3. Each Presbyterian canonically resident in The Diocese shall be a member of and entitled to seat, voice and vote in The Convention, ~~provided said Presbyterian:~~

a) ~~is the Rector of a Parish, Priest in charge of a Mission, holds a cure within The Diocese, or is regularly exercising a ministerial function acknowledged by The Bishop, if there is one, and the Standing Committee; or~~

b) ~~is retired; or~~

e) ~~holds office in an ecclesiastical body organized under the General Convention of The Episcopal Church; or~~

d) ~~is serving under the supervision of The Bishop Suffragan for Chaplaincies.~~

Section 4. Each Deacon canonically resident in The Diocese shall be a member of and entitled to seat, voice and vote in The Convention, ~~provided such Deacon serves as Deacon in a congregation of The Diocese, as assigned thereto by The Bishop.~~

Section 4.1

The Bishop may, in the Bishop's pastoral discretion, release from membership in The Convention any retired member of the clergy who has requested such action or who has not attended two consecutive annual meetings of The Convention. Any retired clergy who has lost the right to seat, voice, and vote under this Section may be reinstated as a member of and entitled to seat, voice and vote in The Convention by a majority vote of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT, REPEAL AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1. This act of incorporation and Constitution may be amended, taken from, added to, or dissolved by either of the two alternative methods as herein provided:

b) By a resolution in writing setting forth in full the proposed amendment or act of dissolution, and adopted at an annual or special meeting of The Convention by a three-fourths ($3/4$) vote, provided there shall be a quorum present composed of three-fifths ($3/5$) of the clergy entitled to membership and vote, two-thirds ($2/3$) of the lay members entitled to vote, and a representation of two-thirds ($2/3$) of the Ecclesiastical Units entitled to be represented in The Convention; and provided further that notice of said Constitutional Amendment or act of dissolution shall have been ~~duly~~ electronically transmitted or mailed to Clergy and the Ecclesiastical Units at least ~~sixty(60)~~ thirty (30) days in advance of The Convention at which the vote on same is to be taken.