



Pursuant to Canon I.1.1 (e), the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church in every Diocese, as well the Secretary of the Convention of every Diocese, must be given notice whenever any alteration of the Book of Common Prayer or of the Constitution is proposed. The 78th General Convention proposed three changes to the Constitution.

**RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO DIOCESES
FROM THE 78TH GENERAL CONVENTION
January 1, 2016**

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, FIRST READING

The following Constitutional amendments shall be read by the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention preceding the final vote at the 79th General Convention in 2018, such reading to be certified by the Diocesan Convention with the Secretary of the General Convention.

B011: Amend Article II.7

Resolved, That the Constitution of the General Convention (2012) Article II.7 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. ~~It shall be lawful for t~~The House of Bishops ~~to~~ may elect a Suffragan-Bishop Suffragan who, under the direction of the Presiding Bishop, shall be in charge of the work of ~~those persons of this Church who serve as chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States, and such other agencies as may be specified by the Presiding Bishop.~~ The Suffragan-Bishop Suffragan so elected shall be ordained and consecrated and hold office under such conditions and limitations other than those provided in this Article as may be provided by Canons of the General Convention. ~~The Suffragan-Bishop shall be eligible for election as Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop of a Diocese.~~

D003: Amend Article V

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1 is amended to read as follows:

A new Diocese may be formed, with the consent of the General Convention and under such conditions as the General Convention shall prescribe by General Canon or Canons, (1) by the division of an existing Diocese; (2) by the junction of two or more Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses; or (3) by the erection into a Diocese of an unorganized area evangelized as provided in Article VI. The proceedings shall originate in a Convocation of the Clergy and Laity of the unorganized area called by the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* for that purpose; or, with the approval of the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority*, in the Convention of the Diocese to be divided; or (when it is proposed to form a new Diocese by the junction of two or more existing Dioceses or of parts of two or more Dioceses) by mutual agreement of the Conventions of the Dioceses concerned, with the approval of the ~~Bishop~~ *Ecclesiastical Authority* of each Diocese. ~~In case the Episcopate of a Diocese be vacant, no proceedings toward its division shall be taken until the vacancy is filled.~~ After consent of the General Convention, when a certified copy of the duly adopted Constitution of the new Diocese, including an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, shall have been filed with the Secretary of the General Convention and approved by the Executive Council of this Church, such new Diocese shall thereupon be in union with the General Convention.

D008: Amend Article I.1

Resolved, That Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. There shall be a General Convention of this Church, consisting of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies, which Houses will sit, debate, and vote separately, unless otherwise provided for by this Constitution or the Canons. The Houses by majority vote of each House may call for the Houses to sit, debate, and vote, or any combination thereof, together. The General Convention may by Canon establish procedures for such sessions. In all deliberations freedom of debate shall be allowed. Either House may originate and propose legislation, and all acts of the Convention shall be adopted and be authenticated by both Houses.