

Resolution CC8 –Amend Constitution-Article 18- Changes to the Canons

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(The proposed amendments CC7, CC8, CC9 are presented only if a majority of the Convention does not adopt the first vote on the amended and restated Constitution [CC1].)

RESOLVED, that Article 18 be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE 18 CHANGES TO THE CANONS

Canons consistent with this Constitution may be adopted, amended or repealed at any annual Convention by a majority vote of the Convention. Proposals from outside the Committee on Constitution and Canons for new Canons and for amendments to or repeals of existing Canons shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Canons at least ninety (90) days prior to the first day set for the annual Convention. The Committee shall submit all proposed new Canons and/or amendments to existing Canons which it finds to be consistent with this Constitution and proposed repeals to the Canons to the Clergy and Vestries of the Diocese at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for annual Convention. The Committee shall report thereon to the Convention on the first day of the meeting.

Where any new Canon or an amendment to a Canon has been so presented to the Convention by the Committee, amendments thereto may be made from the floor of the Convention if within the judgment of the presiding officer of the Convention such amendments are germane to the pending new Canon or amendment.

No other new Canons or amendments to or repeals of any Canons shall be considered at the Convention except by unanimous consent of the Convention.

New Canons and amendments to or repeals of any existing Canons shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention. Typographical errors may be corrected by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and reported to the Convention.

EXPLANATION

This proposed wording will eliminate the existing confusion regarding the work of the Committee on Constitution and Canons during the time leading up to the Diocesan Convention. The ninety day deadline for sources outside of the Committee will give the Committee time to research proposed Canon changes and communicate back with the proposer(s) prior to submitting changes to the Diocese for review before the Convention.