

## **Resolution CC9 –Amend Constitution-Article 19 – Changes to the Constitution**

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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 19 be amended to read as follows:**

### **ARTICLE 19 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Articles in this Constitution may be adopted, amended or repealed by a majority of the votes by orders at two consecutive annual Conventions. Proposals from outside the Committee on Constitution and Canons for the adoption of new Articles and for amendments to or repeals of existing Articles 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 Articles and/or amendments to this Constitution and proposed repeals of Articles to the Clergy and Vestries of the Diocese at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The Committee shall report thereon to the Convention on the first day of the meeting.

Where any new Article or an amendment to any Article in the Constitution 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 Article or amendment.

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

If the proposal, together with any amendments pertinent thereto, receives a majority of the vote of both orders of the Convention, it shall be printed in the Journal and shall lay over until the next annual Convention. If approved by a concurrent majority of the vote of both orders of the Convention at the next annual Convention, the Constitution shall be altered or amended accordingly.

New Articles and amendments to or repeals of Articles in the existing Constitution 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**

*As for the Canons, 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 Constitution changes and communicate back with the proposer(s) prior to submitting changes to the Diocese for review before the Convention.*