

RESOLUTION TITLE: Amending the Diocesan Canons for Deputies to the Provincial Synod to Conform with the Province One Canons

RESOLVED, That the 234th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island amend Canon XVII, Section 17.2 of the Canons of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island to read:

Section 17.2 Deputies Delegates to the Provincial Synod Conference. ~~At an annual convention which meets no more than two years preceding the meeting of the Synod of the First Province,~~ there shall be elected three Delegates and up to three Alternate Delegates. Neither the Delegates nor the Alternate Delegates may be all clergy or all lay. Each shall serve a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms without an intervening year. A Delegate who initially fills an unexpired term shall be eligible to be elected to two consecutive three-year terms. The terms of office of the Diocese's Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be staggered so that, where possible, each year the term of office of one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate expires. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall serve until their successors are elected. Any vacancy in the deputation of this Diocese shall be filled by appointment by the Bishop with the concurrence of Diocesan Council.

EXPLANATION

The Committee on Canons recommends the Diocesan Canons be amended to conform with the provisions of the Province One Canons regarding representation in the Provincial House of Deputies in Canon II, Section 4(c):

Each Diocese within the Province shall be entitled to representation in the Provincial House of Deputies hereinafter termed "House of Delegates," by three Delegates and up to three Alternate Delegates, elected in such manner as their diocese may determine, consistent with this Canon. Neither the Delegates nor the Alternate Delegates may be all clergy or all lay. Each shall serve a term of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election, but may not serve more than two consecutive three-year terms without an intervening year. A Delegate who initially fills an unexpired term shall be eligible to be elected to two consecutive three-year terms. The terms of office of a diocese's Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be staggered so that, where possible, each year the term of office of one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate expires.