

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2017

[Please leave this language on your form:] In order that debate may be directed toward the resolution and not toward its justification, only the "RESOLVED..." will be moved. The explanation of the resolution will, however, be distributed to delegates. Resolutions may be submitted to the Convention by the Bishop, Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, a member of the Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese, a Warden, a delegate to the Convention, a Diocesan Council representative of any Region of the Diocese, a Vestry, A Bishop's Committee, a Congregation, a Diocesan Commission or a Diocesan Committee.

TOPIC: Amend Appendix 4.1 V. Elections 5.0 Nominations to explicitly limit nominations from the floor to only those cases where an insufficient number of nominees were timely filed to fill vacant positions; Amend Rule 5.1.b to coordinate the ballot design with Rule 5.0 above; Amend Rule 5.3 to reduce the number of ballots and expedite the reduction of the number of nominees after the third ballot.

1 **RESOLVED:**

2 **V. ELECTIONS**

3 **5.0 Nominations:**

4 a. Nominations for all offices received by the pre-filing deadline of seven (7) days
5 prior to the opening of Convention will be circulated with the Notice of Convention to
6 delegates. Nominations received after that deadline but at least one week prior to the
7 beginning of Convention will be distributed with the onsite registration materials or
8 posted on the Convention website.

9 b. The consent of the individual being nominated must be obtained before a
10 nomination can be accepted.

11 c. All nominations are to be submitted using the nomination form distributed with the
12 Notice of Convention. Except by vote of the Convention, no nominations shall be
13 considered which have not been received at least five (5) days prior to the opening of
14 Convention.

15 d. No nominations from the floor shall be permitted except where there be fewer

16 [nominations for an office than the number to be elected.](#)

17 [e.](#) Nominees for all elective offices shall be introduced to the Convention.

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19 5.1 Ballots:

20 a. The initial ballot will be prepared to include the names of all individuals nominated
21 in each category whose biographies and statements have been received prior to
22 Convention.

23 b. The initial ballot will provide blank spaces for writing in the names of those whose
24 names are placed in nomination [from the floor pursuant to Rule 5.d](#) prior to the
25 first ballot. These names will appear printed on the second ballot when appropriate.

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27 5.3 Election:

28 a. The number of ballots for election to an office shall be limited to [three \(3\)](#), unless,
29 at the prerogative of the President, more ballots are deemed appropriate; nominees
30 elected after the [third](#) ballot shall be those receiving the plurality vote.

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31 b. All elections, other than after the [third](#) ballot, shall require a majority vote (i.e. one
32 more than half the whole number of valid votes cast).

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33 c. A ballot upon which the total number of candidates to be elected has not been
34 voted for shall be declared invalid.

35 d. Following the second ballot, and each subsequent ballot, the candidate receiving the
36 lowest number of votes will be deleted from the list. Should there be [four \(4\)](#) or more
37 candidates in excess of the number to be elected, two (2) names will be removed.

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38 e. The summary of all votes will be recorded on a fresh ballot by the Chief Teller for
39 the Secretary and presented to the President in the following manner:

- 46 (1) Total number voting and number required to elect;
- 47 (2) Name of nominee (clerical and lay), and number of votes received.
- 48 f. The President shall call for the announcement of the summary and the results of all
- 49 votes.
- 50 g. The Chief Teller will post the results of all votes on the floor of Convention, using
- 51 the format of the above-described summary.
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Moved by Standing Committee

Congregation/Organization: Diocese

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EXPLANATION: This is to promote fairness in the nomination process by limiting nominations from the floor to only those instances where there is an insufficient number of nominees to fill vacancies in a position. Otherwise, it has been observed that nominees from the floor may receive undue and greater attention than nominations timely filed, and provide an unfair advantage to persons nominated from the floor. The amendment would also expedite the balloting process by reducing the number of ballots required before the dropping of the names of persons receiving the fewest votes.

Fiscal Note: There are no fiscal implications arising from this amendment.

Note: Filing deadline is January 31, 2017. Resolutions received in proper form by then will be published on the website for Diocesan Convention 2017 prior to the Pre-Convention Meeting. Pursuant to the Rules of Order, Rule VI.6, introductory paragraph and subparagraph e, respectively, “Resolutions filed after that date shall be referred to the Diocesan Council unless placed on the Calendar of the Convention upon a two-thirds majority vote. . . .”.