

**Proposition 2023-P5**

**Amend TITLE VI, CANON 1, SECTION II  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Resolved**, that Title VI, Canon 1, Section II be amended as follows:

SECTION II. Composition, Manner of Selection and Terms, Qualifications, Removal and Vacancies.

(a) Composition. The membership of the Standing Committee shall always be comprised of an equal number of clerical and lay members. The Standing Committee shall be composed of a total of eight members, four of whom shall be clerical members and four of whom shall be lay members. Each of the members of the Standing Committee shall be elected by the Diocesan Convention, two of whom (one clerical and one lay) shall be elected annually as set forth below.

(b) Manner of Selection and Terms.

(i) General Provisions. The eight members to be elected by the Diocesan Convention shall be divided into four classes consisting of two members each and each class shall consist of one clerical member and one lay member. Each member to be elected must obtain a majority of votes in both the clerical and lay orders. When the terms of the members of each class expire, replacements will be elected at each subsequent annual Diocesan Convention for full four-year terms as set forth above, and so on thereafter; provided that no person shall be elected to serve more than two full terms in succession. Clerical members shall be canonically resident in the Diocese. Lay members shall be **confirmed** adult communicants in good standing of this Church and domiciled in the Diocese. No member shall be paid any salary or receive any remuneration of any kind whatsoever by virtue of his status as a member of the Standing Committee.

(ii) Rotating Membership; Founding Board. At the first annual Diocesan Convention following adoption of this provision, two members will be elected for four-year terms. In addition, and in order to begin and continue the process of a rotating and staggered membership on the Standing Committee, at the first annual Diocesan Convention following adoption of these provisions, the eight members of the founding members of the Standing Committee shall be comprised of those incumbents (who were previously elected in four classes consisting of two members each, being one clerical and one lay member) who has not served out his full term and who has not declared his intent to resign from the Standing Committee prior to such Diocesan Convention. In such event such member shall continue as a member of the Standing Committee until completion of his/her full term

or until such member shall have resigned, and there will be no nominations or elections for persons in such class.

- (b) Removal and Vacancies. Standing Committee members shall continue in office until replaced by the Diocesan Convention. Any member of the Standing Committee may be removed, with cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Diocesan Council and a majority vote of the members of the Standing Committee. If vacancies on the Standing Committee occur, they shall be filled by persons elected by the majority vote of the remaining members of the Standing Committee and the person or persons elected shall serve in the unexpired terms until successors shall have been duly elected by the next Diocesan Convention.

Explanation:

The purpose of this change is to ensure that those wishing to serve as board members have made the adult commitment to the Church as evidenced by Confirmation as defined in Title II, Canon 2, Section I(d) of the Canons.