

Proposition 2023-P2

Amend TITLE II, CANON 4, SECTION II THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Resolved, that Title II, Canon 4, Section II be amended as follows:

SECTION II. Lay Delegates.

(a) From the Cathedral. The Lay Delegates and Alternates to the Convention from the Cathedral of the Incarnation shall be chosen by the Trustees (commonly called the "Cathedral Chapter") of the Cathedral of the Incarnation and shall be regular attendants at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior to appointment. Certificate of their appointment shall be signed by the Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation or, if there be no Dean or he or she be absent, by one of the Trustees present at the Cathedral Chapter at which they were appointed and by the Chancellor of the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

(b) Number of Lay Delegates.

(i) The Constitution. The number of Lay Delegates from the Cathedral of the Incarnation and each Parish, Congregation, or Mission shall be determined as prescribed in Section 3 of the Constitution. For the purposes of that section and of this section, the number of communicants in good standing of the Cathedral of the Incarnation and each Parish, Congregation, or Mission shall be that stated in its Parochial Report for the previous Calendar Year, subject to revision due to any contest thereof.

(ii) Parochial Report. If the Cathedral of the Incarnation or any Parish, Congregation, or Mission shall fail to file its Parochial Report prior to the first day of March, as required by Title V, Canon 2, Section II, the number of communicants in good standing, for the purposes of Section 3 of the Constitution and of this section shall be that stated in the Parochial Report of such Cathedral, Parish, Congregation, or Mission for the year ending December 31 of the next to last year preceding the Convention.

(iii) Qualification and Election of Lay Delegates. Lay Delegates and Alternates from Churches, Congregations, and Missions shall have the qualifications required by Section 3 of the Constitution and by this Canon and shall be elected by the Vestry or Bishop's Committee.

(iv) Evidence of Appointment. The evidence of their election shall be either a written or electronic certificate authorized by the Diocese and submitted by the Rector or Priest in Charge or if there be no Rector or

Priest in Charge, or if he/she be absent, by the person who presided at the meeting at which they were elected.

(v) Certificate of Appointment. Every certificate of the election of a Lay Delegate and Alternate shall certify upon its face that the election was carried out in pursuance of the requirements of Section 3 of the Constitution and of this Canon and shall certify that the Delegate and Alternate have the qualifications required by Section 3 of the Constitution and by this Canon.

(c) Secretary of the Convention to Prepare List of Delegates. The Cathedral of the Incarnation and any Church, Congregation, or Mission electing Lay Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall, not later than ~~120 days following the preceding~~ June 15 prior to the scheduled start date of the next Convention, file the Certificates of Election as provided above with the Secretary of the Convention. The Secretary of the Convention shall prepare a list of Delegates, Alternates, and Youth Delegates and place it before the Convention on the first day of its meeting. Irregular or defective certificates and certificates and documents relating to contested seats shall be reported by the Secretary of the Convention when organized, for its action. The Secretary of the Convention shall also read at this time the list of delinquent Churches, Congregations, and Missions reported to or by the Bishop under these Canons.

(d) Contested Seats. No other certificate or evidence of the appointment of a Lay Delegate than such as is required by this action shall be necessary, and the right of any Lay Person to a seat in the Convention, in cases of doubt or dispute, shall be determined by the Convention itself.

(e) Must be Communicants in Good Standing. Lay Delegates and Alternates shall have domicile in the Diocese and shall be members of the Church, adult confirmed communicants in good standing, regular attendants at its worship and contributors to the support of the Cathedral, Parish, Congregation, or Mission electing them for at least twelve months prior to election.

Explanation:

The purpose of this change is to provide additional time for The Cathedral of the Incarnation and any Church, Congregation, or Mission to file the Certificates of Election of their Delegates with the Secretary of Convention. The filing deadline will be after Easter Sunday.