

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN UTAH

RESOLUTION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2023 and 2024

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: Revise Article IX and Article XV of the Constitution of the Diocese of Utah

1 **RESOLVED:**

2 **ARTICLE IX**

3 **QUORUM**

4 **One-third** ~~50% +1~~ of the Clergy entitled to seat, voice and vote in the Convention and Lay
5 Delegates from a majority (50% + 1) of the Congregations entitled to representation, when duly
6 assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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8 **ARTICLE XV**

9 **ELECTION OF A BISHOP**

10 **Section 2.** Election of a Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor, or Bishop Suffragan shall be made in
11 following manner: The Clergy and Lay Delegates shall vote by orders and election shall be by
12 ballot. A quorum for election of a Bishop or Bishop Coadjutor shall require the presence of Lay
13 Delegates from ~~two-thirds~~ of all Congregations entitled to vote and ~~two-thirds~~ **one-third** of all
14 Clergy entitled to vote. An election shall require a majority (50% +1) in both orders.

Date: First read: 2023 Second read: January 11, 2024

Moved by The Standing Committee

Congregation/Organization: Diocese

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EXPLANATION: In a diocese with great geographical distances and many retired and part-time clergy, it can be difficult to gather a majority of eligible clergy at an annual meeting of Convention or a special meeting to elect a Bishop. The proposed amendments to the Constitution are consistent with the practices of other dioceses within The Episcopal Church and will make it easier to obtain a quorum for the transaction of business while ensuring a critical mass of clergy at these important meetings.

Fiscal Note: N/A