

Resolution: Amendment of Canon 3, Section 11. Elections**Submitted to the 195th Convention of the Diocese of Alabama by Diocesan Council**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Diocesan Convention, pursuant to Canon 10, Section 1, that the Canons of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama be amended as follows, by deleting the existing language herein struck through, and adding new language shown in bold, such Amendment becoming effective immediately upon passage of such Resolution:

CANON 3 THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION**Section 11. Elections**

All elections are to be by majority. If an election is for a single office with more than one candidate, then the majority of votes cast for said office in such election shall be ascertained by dividing the total votes cast for all candidates for said office by two, and any number of votes in excess of one-half of such total votes of all candidates for such office shall be a majority within the meaning of this section.

If the election be for two or more offices (constituting a group) and there are more candidates for election than there are such offices, then the majority of votes cast for said office in such election shall be ascertained by dividing the total vote cast for all such candidates by the number of positions to be filled, and then dividing the results by two. Any number of votes in excess of the number ascertained by such last division shall be a majority. If in ascertaining the results in this way it appears that more candidates have obtained this majority than there are positions to be filled, then those persons having the highest vote, if beyond the majority just defined, shall be elected.

If in an election for a single office no person receives a majority as herein defined, then in that event the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall enter a runoff; in the runoff election the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. If the election be for two or more offices (constituting a group) and there remain places to be filled after the majority has been ascertained, there shall be a runoff election from among twice the number of persons as there are places to be filled, these to be those receiving the highest number of votes short of a majority. In these second elections those person receiving the highest number of votes as they relate to the places to be filled shall be elected. ~~Elections shall be by written ballot unless there is only a single nomination for the office.~~

Elections may either be by written ballot or electronic ballot, as determined by the Chair of the Convention.

In elections of deputies to General Convention, the runner-up in the election of a first alternate shall be designated as the second alternate. Furthermore, in each electoral district, records shall be kept of the person who was next runner-up to the one designated as second alternate, so this person can become the second alternate in the event an alternate nominated from a district is elected as a deputy-at-large. However, no person nominated as alternate in a district shall be eligible to be a candidate for an alternate-at-large.

Explanation

The Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Alabama, at a duly called meeting held on December 11, 2025, approved the above by Resolution, duly adopted, authorizing the Chancellor to submit the above proposed Amendment to the Canons of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at the 195th General Diocesan Convention and/or the next available opportunity.

Procedural Notes

The Canons to the Diocese of Alabama may be amended as follows:

CANON 10

Section 1. Amendment

The Canons may be amended by resolution adopted at two successive Annual Diocesan Conventions by majority vote of each of the two Orders voting separately or by resolution adopted at one Annual Diocese Convention when three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of each of the Orders voting separately. Amendments shall be effective at the adjournment of the Convention at which finally adopted, unless otherwise provided in the amendment.

Note also that typographical errors in the current published set of the Canons, for the provisions quoted above, were corrected herein without note.