

## **PROPOSED GENERAL RULES OF ORDER**

1. Each business session of the Convention will be opened with prayer.
2. All resolutions to be considered by the Convention must be submitted in accordance with Canon 7, sections 3 & 4.
3. All reports, which have been distributed to members of the Convention prior to the convening of the body and not requiring Convention action, shall be presented by title only.
4. On the request of any five members of the Convention, a vote by orders shall be taken and entered in the Minutes.
5. The rules of debate shall be as follows:
  - a. The originator or representative of a committee originator of a resolution and the first person to speak in opposition to it shall be granted a maximum of three (3) minutes debate.
  - b. Subsequent speakers, both pro and con, shall be granted a maximum of two minutes per speech during debate.
  - c. Delegates speaking in favor of a resolution and those speaking in opposition to it shall be heard alternately.
  - d. The total time granted to debate and to amend a resolution shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.
  - e. During the first fifteen (15) minutes of debate, no motion to move the previous question, postpone, or otherwise limit debate (except on debate relating to amendments) shall be in order unless no one is seeking recognition for debate purposes. Said motions may be in order immediately following the close of the initial fifteen (15) minutes of debate.
6. No member of the Convention shall speak twice on the same subject until all others desiring to speak shall have had the opportunity to speak one time.
7. Except as provided by canons, all elections shall be by majority vote. If there is not an election to all offices on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be taken with regard to any office still to be elected, and the number of candidates placed on the second ballot shall be reduced to no more than twice the number of candidates to be elected to each unfilled office, or two more than the vacancies when there are multiple vacancies.
8. The rules contained in the current edition of "*Robert's Rules of Order-Newly Revised*" shall govern the Convention in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of The General Convention, or of the diocese, or the General Rules of Order of this Convention.
9. The President may recognize Points of Personal Privilege only during the time designated for announcements by the Secretary at the end of the last business session.

10. Except when otherwise ordered by Convention, no printed matter shall be distributed in the place of business without the express permission of the Presiding Officer other than reports of Committees, publications of the Diocese, or The Episcopal Church.
11. By unanimous consent any action may be taken that is not in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese or the Episcopal Church.
12. These rules shall not be suspended or amended except by a vote of two-thirds.