

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF CONVENTION

Be it resolved, that the 232nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island amend **Article V, Section 5.7 of the Constitution** to read:

When not otherwise a member of Convention all deputies to General Convention, all officers of the Diocese, and all commissioners of commissions of the Diocese, and a slate of others at the Bishop's discretion and with the consent of Convention, shall, *ex officio*, be entitled to a seat and voice in the Convention, but not to a vote.

Explanation

The Committee on Canons supports this change to the Constitution. The Committee believes this change permits the Bishop (Ecclesiastical Authority) to allow opinions or perspectives that might otherwise not be expressed to be raised. At the same time, it does not give the person(s) a vote on the issue at hand. This is the current practice, and the amendment reflects this practice. This amendment provides Convention a way to consent, or not, to the slate of people proposed by the Bishop.

The following is a black lined copy of this amendment.

Section 5.7 When not otherwise a member of Convention all deputies to General Convention, all officers of the Diocese, ~~and~~ all commissioners of commissions of the Diocese, and a slate of others at the discretion of the Bishop or Ecclesiastical Authority, and with the consent of Convention, shall, *ex officio*, be entitled to a seat and voice in the Convention, but not to a vote.