

RESOLUTION TITLE: Nominations and Elections of Committee and Commission Members with Subject Matter Expertise

RESOLVED, That the 233rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island amend Canon III, Section 3.3 to read: <Amended text as it would appear if adopted. Scroll below the line of asterisks (\*\*\*\*\*) to see the version showing all amendments.>

**Section 3.3 Nominations and Elections.** Each elected position is a three-year term, unless otherwise specified. The term of office shall continue until the close of the Diocesan Convention, or until successors are elected or appointed. No one serving in an elected position who has served two consecutive terms shall be eligible for re-election until one year after the second term has expired, provided, nevertheless, that elected members of the Committee on Canons, Committee on Compensation and Benefits, Committee on the Diocesan Audit, Commission on Ministry, and Commission on Investments, who have special subject matter expertise related to the purpose of the committee or commission, may, with the unanimous approval of the committee or commission and the approval of the Bishop, be appointed to serve additional consecutive one (1) year terms. Except as provided elsewhere in these Canons, no full time employee of the Diocese may be elected or appointed to any committee, commission or other group; this does not preclude any full time employee from being elected or appointed a deputy or alternate to General Convention. The procedure for nominations and elections shall be as prescribed in the Rules of Order.

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#### EXPLANATION

The Committee on Canons acknowledges the importance of term limits in general, while noting the need for members on specific Committees and Commissions who possess subject matter expertise that is related to the purpose of the Committee or Commission. Given that it can be challenging to find experts in specific subject matters to serve on Committees and Commissions, the Committee on Canons recommends that members with subject matter expertise be able to extend their service one year at a time with the unanimous approval of the Committee or Commission and the approval of the Bishop.