

Charter and Canons
Resolution 2026-08
Elections By Sortition
(A Red Resolution)

Whereas historically candidates for diocesan roles are slated by region and elected by the whole of convention, meaning those who elect exceed the number of those represented by regional position and;

Whereas the entirety of information convention delegates have in the past is a 100-word biography and a sentence on why someone would like to serve and rather than to create an elaborate communication or campaign scheme and;

Whereas a goodly number of parishes in the diocese use this method in the elections of vestry and diocesan convention delegates with the biblical precedent of Acts 1, therefore

Be it resolved that the following canons be revised to enable selection to diocesan offices by sortition (drawn by lot):

Canon 11.2.c

five (5) lay members at-large ~~elected~~selected by ~~the sortition~~ at Diocesan Convention (seat, voice and vote on Diocesan Council),

Canon 11.2.d

two clergy members-at-large ~~elected~~selected by ~~the sortition~~ at Diocesan Convention (seat, voice and vote on Diocesan Council),

Canon 11.2.e

one youth member at-large (aged 16-17) ~~elected~~selected by sortition at Diocesan Council (seat, voice, and vote on Diocesan Council),

Canon 11.3.a

Each at-large member of Diocesan Council shall ~~be elected~~be selected by sortition for a term of three (3) years and shall serve until the member's successor is installed.

Canon 11.3.b

The youth member at-large of Diocesan Council shall ~~be elected~~be selected by sortition for a term of one year and shall serve until the youth member's successor is elected.

Canon 11.3.e

For purposes of election, the lay members shall be slated by each Region but ~~elected~~ selected by ~~the entire sortition~~ at Diocesan Convention. One at-large lay member shall be a member of a parish in each Region. Each at-large lay member shall be continuously throughout their term of office, a member of a parish in the Region from which ~~they were elected~~ that member was selected.

Canon 11.3.f added

The Standing Committee shall establish a procedure for selection by sortition for Diocesan Council and publish it no later than ninety (90) days prior to Diocesan Convention.

Canon 23.2.d

~~Election. Commencing with the One Hundred and Sixty Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Florida, the members~~ **Selection.** Members of the Board shall be ~~elected~~ selected by ~~the sortition by~~ Diocesan Convention. Each member shall be ~~elected~~ selected for a three (3) year term. The term of the member shall commence on the first (1st) day of the month following the ~~selection~~ election of the member. The terms of office of the Board shall be staggered and arranged into three (3) classes. All persons elected under this section are eligible to be re-elected upon the expiration of their terms. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no persons elected under this section are eligible to be ~~re-elected~~ re-selected for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Canon 24.1

~~Election~~ **Selection** of Deputies. ~~The Diocesan Convention shall elect deputies~~ Deputies and alternate deputies to General Convention shall be selected by sortition at Diocesan Convention which occurs in the year prior to the year in which General Convention is to be held. ~~Diocesan Convention shall select~~ Diocesan Convention shall select five (5) clerical persons canonically resident in this Diocese and five (5) lay persons who shall be adult confirmed communicants in good standing ~~shall be elected by majority ballot by sortition.~~ After the five (5) deputies have been selected, sortition will continue until all the names have been selected. Each name selected after the first five (5) will constitute the next alternate deputy to represent this Diocese, in sequence, until the names run out. to represent this Diocese as deputies and alternate deputies to General Convention.

Canon 24.1.a

~~The four clerical and four lay persons receiving the highest number of votes in their respective orders shall be designated Clergy and Lay Deputies. The clerical and lay persons receiving the fifth highest number of votes in their respective orders shall be the Clergy and Lay Alternates.~~ If a deputy is subsequently unable to serve, the alternate in the same order will move into the deputy position and the next ~~highest vote recipient~~ recipient name in that order

shall be offered the alternate position.

Canon 24.1.b

~~The vote count for all deputy nominees shall be retained by the Secretary of Diocesan Convention in the event that an additional clergy or lay deputy will be needed due to the inability of a clergy or lay deputy to remain in office. The next highest vote recipient in the clergy or lay order shall move into the open position.~~ Deputy and alternate deputy terms are three (3) years or until replaced at the next ~~selection~~election, at Diocesan Convention of deputies to General Convention. Deputies and alternate deputies may be elected to successive terms. No one in the process for ordination, aspirant, postulate or candidate for Holy Orders shall be elected to represent this Diocese as a deputy to General Convention.

Canon 24.1.c

The Ecclesiastical Authority shall appoint one chair of the deputation from the four ~~elected~~ selected clergy deputies or the four ~~elected~~ selected lay deputies.

Canon 24.2.a

Agreement by a candidate to have their name placed into nomination to become a deputy to General Convention shall signify to the Ecclesiastical Authority their acceptance of the ~~election~~ selection and intention to perform the duties in full, including attendance at Province IV Synods as well as at General Convention.