

Article 12
Deputies or Delegates
To Extra-Diocesan Conventions or Synods

Article 12 (current)

Sec. 1 At each Annual Convention there shall be elected priests and an equal number of lay persons canonically resident within the Diocese to serve as deputies or delegates to any extra-diocesan conventions, synods or meetings that may occur between Annual Conventions and to which this Diocese may wish to send such deputies or delegates. They shall possess the same qualifications as members of the Standing Committee and shall be elected by a concurrent majority of both orders. Such duly elected deputies or delegates shall hold office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 2 At the same Convention there shall be chosen, in the same manner and with the same qualifications, the same number of priests and lay persons to serve as alternate deputies or delegates.

Article 12 (proposed)

Sec. 1 An equal number of priests and lay persons canonically resident within the Diocese shall be elected to serve as deputies or delegates to such extra-diocesan conventions, synods or meetings to which this Diocese may wish to send deputies or delegates. They shall possess the same qualifications as members of the Standing Committee and shall be elected by a concurrent majority of both orders. Election of deputies or delegates shall be held at the Annual Convention immediately preceding any such extra-diocesan convention, synod or meeting to which this Diocese may wish to send deputies or delegates, and the total number of such deputies or delegates so elected shall be equal to the total number of deputies or delegates to which this Diocese may be entitled under the then prevailing rules of the extra-diocesan convention, synod or meeting to which this Diocese may wish to send deputies or delegates. Such duly elected deputies or delegates shall hold office for a period of three (3) years or until their successors are elected, whichever occurs first.

Sec. 2 At the same Convention at which deputies or delegates to extra-diocesan conventions, synods or meetings are elected, there shall be chosen, in the same manner and with the same qualifications, the same number of priests and lay persons to serve as alternate deputies or delegates.

Comment: The proposed Amendment would prevent the requirement for elections at each Annual Convention to accommodate Diocesan representation at extra-diocesan conventions, synods or meetings scheduled at multiple-year intervals, while also permitting elected delegates or deputies to be available to represent the Diocese at any special or called meeting of any extra-diocesan province or organization that may occur between any triennial or other multiple-year convention, synod or meeting.