

**Article 17**  
**Election of Bishops and Calling of an Assistant Bishop**

Article 17 (current)

The election of a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Suffragan Bishop for this Diocese shall take place at the regular meeting of the Convention or at a special meeting of the Convention called for that purpose. A concurrent majority of the two orders shall be necessary to a choice if two-thirds (2/3) of all the Clergy entitled to vote and Lay Delegates from two-thirds (2/3) of the Parishes and Missions entitled to representation are present and voting; otherwise, two-thirds (2/3) of the votes in each order present shall be necessary to a choice. In any event, the election may not occur unless a quorum be and remain present.

The bishop may call an Assistant Bishop in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Article 17 (proposed)

The election of a Bishop, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Suffragan Bishop for this Diocese shall take place at the regular meeting of the Convention or at a special meeting of the Convention called for that purpose. A concurrent majority of the two orders shall be necessary to a choice if two-thirds (2/3) of all the Clergy entitled to vote and Lay Delegates from two-thirds (2/3) of the Parishes and Missions entitled to representation are present and voting; otherwise, two-thirds (2/3) of the votes in each order present shall be necessary to a choice. In any event, the election may not occur unless a quorum be and remain present.

The bishop may call an Assistant Bishop in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese.

*Comment: The proposed amendment deletes the reference to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church and refers, instead, to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.*