

Article 19
Alterations and Amendments to the Constitution

Article 19 (current)

A proposal for an alteration or an amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing at an Annual Convention and shall be referred to and be reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Canons consisting of at least two (2) members of the Clergy and two (2) Lay Persons. If the proposal, together with any amendments pertinent thereto, receive the majority vote of the Convention, it shall be printed in the Journal and shall lay over until the next Annual Convention. If approved by a concurrent majority of the vote of both orders at the next Annual Convention, the Constitution shall be altered or amended accordingly. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Convention. Typographical errors may be corrected by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and reported to the Convention.

Article 19 (proposed)

A proposal for an alteration or an amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing at an Annual Convention and shall be referred to and be reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Canons consisting of at least two (2) members of the Clergy and two (2) Lay Persons. If the proposal, together with any amendments pertinent thereto, receive the majority vote of the Convention, it shall be printed in the Journal and shall lay over until the next Annual Convention. If approved by a concurrent majority of the vote of both orders at the next Annual Convention, the Constitution shall be altered or amended accordingly. Such alteration or amendment shall take effect immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention. Typographical errors may be corrected by the Committee on Constitution and Canons and reported to the Convention.

Comment: The amendment proposed would change the effective date of Constitutional amendments that are approved in successive Annual Conventions. Under the proposed amendment, Constitutional amendments would become effective immediately upon the adjournment of the Convention. The amendment is recommended so that the effective date of both Canonical and Constitutional changes will be consistent.