

Proposed Version of Canon II of ADNE Canons (After Proposed Amendments Made to Canon II, Section 1-4):

CANON II: On the Election of a Bishop

Section 1 - Election of Bishops

- a) The election of the Bishop of the Diocese, a Bishop Coadjutor, or a Bishop Suffragan shall take place at the annual meeting or any Special Meeting of the Synod called for that purpose.
- b) The vote shall be by ballot and by orders (lay and clergy). A majority of the votes cast by each order on the same ballot shall be necessary for election. If there is no majority in both orders for any candidate on the first ballot, subsequent ballots shall be held until there is such a majority.
- c) The Secretary of Synod shall immediately forward the name of the person so elected to the College of Bishops of the Province for its consent as provided in Title III, Canon 8, Section 4 of the ACNA Provincial Canons.
- d) In the event that the Bishop-elect is rejected by the College of Bishops, the Bishop or the Standing Committee shall promptly call another meeting of the Synod for the purpose of electing a Bishop.
- e) Candidates for Bishop from a first slate are not disqualified from inclusion on a second slate in a subsequent meeting of Synod.

Section 2 – Selection of members of the Committee on Nominations for Bishop

- a) The Committee on Nominations for Bishop shall consist of 7 individuals, 3 clergy and 4 lay persons with the current Bishop, if he is able, as an additional non-voting ex-officio member.
- b) The Standing Committee of the Diocese may act as the Committee on Nominations for Bishop, or the Committee members may be appointed by the Standing Committee, or may be determined by election at Synod.
- c) If the Committee on Nominations for Bishop is to be elected at Synod, vestries shall submit names for potential members for it to the Standing Committee at least 30 days in advance of the Synod at which members are to be elected. The Standing Committee will present a slate of at least the 7 required members to the Synod for election. A committee chair may either be selected from among the elected members, or be appointed by the Standing Committee in advance. If a chair is appointed by the Standing Committee, one fewer members (either from the clergy or laity depending on the order- lay or clergy - of the appointed chair) is to be elected.

Section 3 - Nominations for Bishop

- a) Each Vestry or Governing Board, or Boards of Ministries in which the nominee is serving there, including the diocesan Standing Committee, may submit up to three nominations for bishop to the Committee on Nominations for Bishop.
- b) Nominations must be submitted no later than five (5) months prior to the Electoral Synod.
- c) All nominations for bishop must include an acceptance of the nomination in writing by the nominee, and support of the nomination in writing by the Vestry of the church in which the nominee is serving, or by the board of the ministry in which the nominee is serving.

Section 4 - The Work of the Committee on Nominations for Bishop

- a) The Committee on Nominations for Bishop shall screen all names placed in nomination to determine whether the nominee meets the criteria established by the Synod and is compliant with ACNA Title III, Canon 8.
- b) Through a prayerful process of discernment and interviews, the Committee on Nominations for Bishop shall arrive at a slate consisting of no more than five names. The name or names shall be published to the Synod Delegates at least 90 days prior to the Electing Synod.
- c) The Committee on Nominations shall create an opportunity for the candidates to visit representative regions of the Diocese and make presentations, for the benefit of the Delegates, as the Committee determines.

Section 5 – The Term of a Diocesan Bishop

- a) The term of a diocesan bishop shall be until the age of 72 years, or until the bishop retires, resigns, or is removed prior to such age.