



Fifty-eighth Annual Diocesan Convention **November 7, 2026**

Amendment A-1: Constitutional Powers Amendment

Presenters: Committee on Constitution and Canons

RESOLVED: That this 58th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida amend the Constitution as follows:

Original Language:

Article VII, Section 3
The Convention

The Diocesan Convention shall be the legislative Authority of the Diocese. It shall be constituted of such persons and shall meet and conduct business under terms and conditions to be set forth in the Canons of the Diocese. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be the presiding officer of the Convention. In the absence of the Bishop, the Bishop Coadjutor, if any, shall be the presiding officer. In the absence of the Bishop and Bishop Coadjutor, the Suffragan Bishop shall be the presiding officer. In the absence of all Bishops, the President of the Standing Committee shall call the Convention to order and a presiding officer shall be chosen, pro tempore, from among the presbyters in attendance. If the Bishop shall at any time leave the chair, the Bishop may appoint another Bishop or a presbyter to preside.

Article VII, Section 4
Diocesan Board

The affairs of the Diocese not falling within the exclusive province of the Bishop shall be managed by the Diocesan Board. It shall be the Board of Directors of the corporation. The Board shall consist of the Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor and Suffragan bishops, if any, and assistant Bishops, if any, the President of the Standing Committee and the Chancellor, all as ex officio members, and such other members whose number, terms and method of election shall be set forth in the Canons of the Diocese. The Diocesan Board shall have power to create subordinate boards and Committees and, with the prior permission of the Convention, other legal entities for the accomplishment of its responsibilities.

Proposed Changes to Language:

(1) In Article VII, Section 3, After the first full stop, insert the following sentence: “The Diocesan Convention shall, at each regular meeting of the Convention, adopt a budget which shall cover the necessary expenses of the Diocese for the fiscal year beginning after the conclusion of the Convention, on the basis of recommendations made by the Diocesan Board. Amendments may be presented to the budget, however no such proposed changes may create or increase a projected deficit in the budget, nor may it vary the assessment levels established by the Diocesan Board.” After the inserted sentence, insert a line break and an additional line break before the final sentence. Number each paragraph (a), (b), and (c) respectively.

(2) In Article VII, Section 4, In the first sentence before the full stop in that sentence insert “which shall conduct itself in accordance with the Canons of the Diocese”. At the end of the first full paragraph, insert the following: “When the Diocesan Convention is not sitting, the Board shall have the power to make adjustments to the budget passed by the Diocesan Convention as it shall deem to be necessary or expedient, and which, in its judgement are prudent and Diocesan revenues will be adequate to support.” Insert at the beginning of each paragraph (a), (b), or (c) respectively.