

Resolution 2010-11

Title: **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND**

Submitted by: Jeffrey P. Ayres, Chancellor

RESOLVED, that the 226th Convention of the Diocese of Maryland, meeting April 30-May 1, 2010, repeals the first two sentences of Article 8 of its Constitution, which provide as follows:

“The Secretary shall likewise be chosen, immediately upon the assembling of the annual meeting of the Convention, by a joint ballot; who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. If but one is nominated, the ballot may be dispensed with.”

and replaces it with:

“There shall be a Secretary of the Diocese, who shall be appointed annually by the Bishop at the meeting of the Convention, and shall hold office until the appointment of a successor. A vacancy in the office may be filled by an appointment of the Bishop until the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Note - As a constitutional amendment, this resolution needs to be approved at two consecutive Conventions, and this is the first reading.

EXPLANATION

Resolution 2010-11 will make the selection of a Secretary consistent with long-standing practice in this Diocese, and be consistent with the filling of other Diocesan positions, such as Chancellor, which are appointed by the Bishop at the beginning of the Convention. Moreover, the Resolution will avoid the disruption of a contested election for Secretary, at the very outset of Convention, before other business is conducted, such as Standing Committee and Diocesan Council elections, as well as the consideration of various Resolutions.

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