

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina Constitution and Canons Committee

Report of Committee for 2016

Second reading and vote on proposed changes to Constitution, first read at 2015 Annual Diocesan Convention.

Report of Committee for 2015

(as distributed to Convention)

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Constitution

Article V, Section 4 – second sentence

The existing language of this sentence is:

... “Each canonically resident retired priest who served a church, an institution of the diocese, or on diocesan staff for at least five years immediately before retirement shall also be entitled to all privileges as a member of the Convention.”...

The clause correctly states the qualifications. No change is needed in the language. The clause requires that three conditions be met at the measuring time period, which is “immediately before retirement.” Those conditions are:

1. That the priest is canonically resident in the diocese.
2. That the priest is serving a church in the diocese, an institution of the diocese, or on diocesan staff.
3. The priest has met criteria “2” for not less than five years. There is no requirement that the service be continuous.

If these conditions are met, the priest is entitled to full privileges of the convention so long as the priest remains canonically resident.

Action: No change required.

Article VII, Section 1 and Section 1.1.

Proposal – Wherever the words “Assistant Chancellor” are used in the Constitution, change the words to “Vice Chancellor.”

Action: Recommend approval.