

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS, ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Section 3. Nominations and Elections, subsection a. Procedure - District, reads in part: "If no election has been reached after the third electoral ballot, only the three having the highest number of votes on the third electoral ballot shall be further considered and all other names shall be eliminated," and

WHEREAS, there is no limitation upon the total number of ballots which may be cast among the three remaining candidates, and

WHEREAS, there have been isolated incidents of elections continuing for more than 60 ballots, having negative impact upon the Council and morale of its ministers, and a discouraging backlash in the minds of some, tainting the entire voting process, and

WHEREAS, we now have the advantage of electronic voting, allowing quick and accurate counting of ballots and almost instantaneous reporting to the floor, and

WHEREAS, a limitation of the total ballots possible in any single election will ensure a productive and timely election without unnecessary delay or uncomfortable decisions by those involved,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS, Section 3, be amended by the following: "If a candidate receives two thirds of the ballots cast on the first ballot that ballot shall be considered electoral and that candidate shall be declared elected. If no candidate is elected on the first ballot cast, that ballot shall be considered a Nominating Ballot and the next ballot shall be considered the first electoral ballot,"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, these edits shall be inserted: "If there is no election after the second (2) electoral ballot, only the two candidates receiving the most votes shall remain in consideration. If there is no election at the end of the fourth (4) ballot, the fifth (5) ballot shall be by simple majority, producing an election."

BE IT FINALLY RERSOLVED, the fully amended section shall read: "All candidates for district office, except Treasurer, shall be nominated by secret ballot at the District Council and elected by a two-thirds of all votes cast. Only those candidates receiving 15 or more votes on the nominating ballot shall be considered nominated. In case of vacancy, the District Presbytery may offer a minimum of two nominees. If a candidate receives two-thirds of the ballots cast on the first (1) electoral ballot, that ballot shall be considered electoral and that candidate shall be declare elected. If no candidate is elected on the first (1) electoral ballot cast that ballot shall be considered a nominating ballot, and the next ballot shall be considered the first (1) electoral ballot. If no election has been reached after the second (2) electoral ballot, only the two candidates receiving the most votes shall remain in consideration. If there is no election after the forth (4) electoral ballot. the fifth (5) electoral ballot shall be by simple majority, producing an election.

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