

Legislative Process

TRAINING FOR CHAIRS/VICE CHAIRS

What is a resolution?

- Before we tackle what a resolution is, what is the purpose of the General Convention

What is the General Convention?

- Is at its core, our expression of theology and identity as an Episcopal Church.
- What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?

What is a resolution?

- A formal expression or will of an official body, adopted by a vote.
- In essence, a resolution expresses the will, practice or belief of the Episcopal Church
- It defines our identity as Episcopalians
- It defines who we are to each other and the outside world.

Types of Resolutions:

- A resolutions - CCABs
- B resolutions - Bishops
- C resolutions – Dioceses/Provinces
- D resolutions – Deputies
- X resolution – Dispatch of Business
- E resolutions – Elections

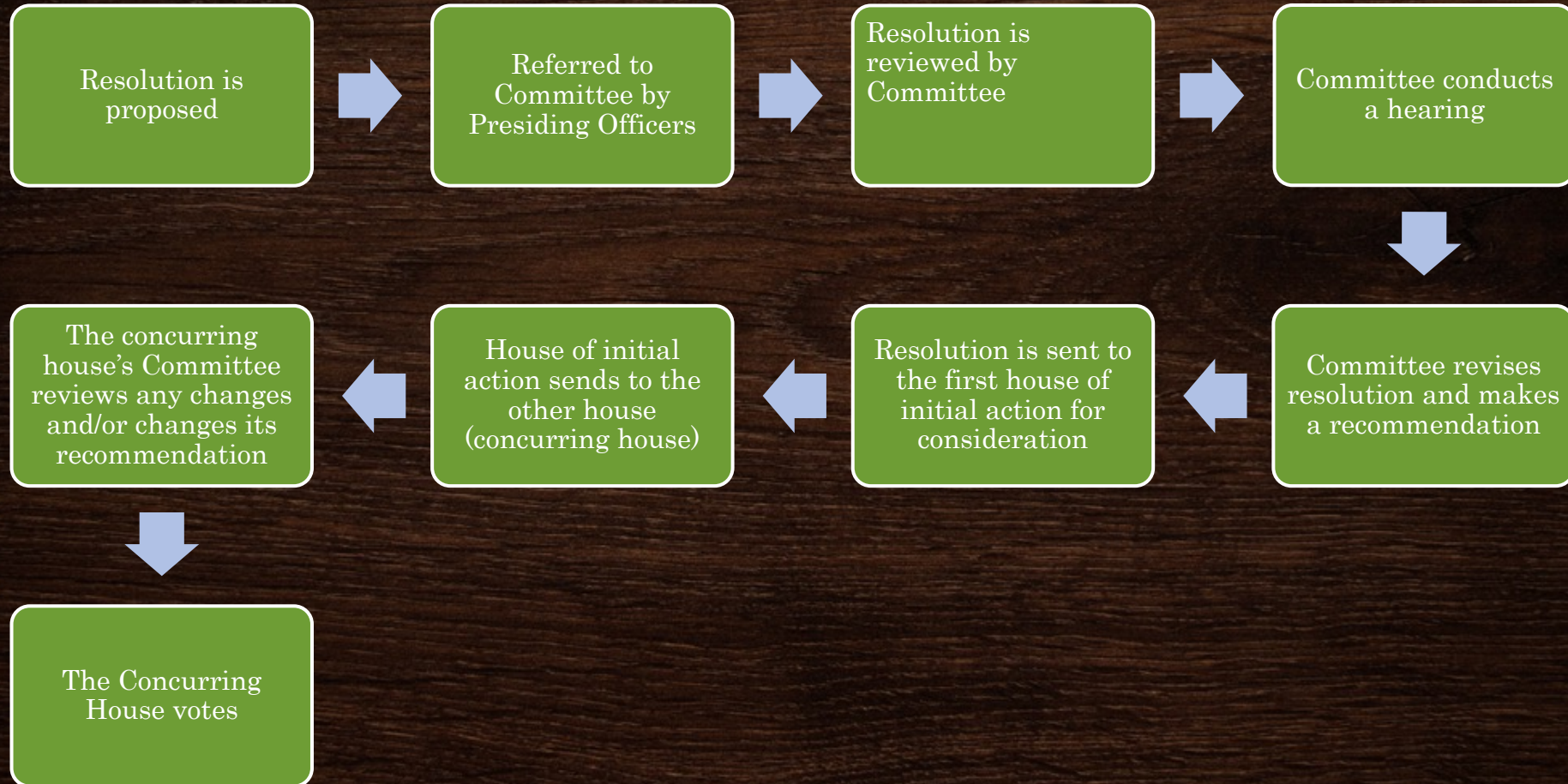
Type of resolution part 2

- Constitutional/Canonical/Rules of Order Changes – changes to the governing function of the church;
- Adoption of liturgies, music, prayerbooks, etc.;
- Expressions of Church Policy and Practice;
- Creation of committees, commissions, task forces;
- Expressions of belief, practice, or theology of the Episcopal Church; and
- Budget.

Role of the committee

- Review the resolution
- Collect input and conduct hearings
- Refine the resolution
- Recommend action on the resolution
- Consider changes made by the other House
- Propose resolutions within its purview

The process for perfecting a resolution



Who owns the
resolution
after it is
proposed?

- Not the proposer;
- Not the committee;
- **The General Convention.**

Recommendations a committee can make:

- Adopt/concur
- Adopt with Amendment
- Adopt a substitute
- Adopt a consolidated substitute
- Reject
- Refer
- Take no further action

Consolidation

- Often times multiple resolutions are proposed on a single subject;
- The Committee's responsibility is to look for ways to combine and create an expression of the Episcopal Church on the subject;
- Multiple conflicting resolutions could be ruled out of order after one is acted upon.
- Action can mean, adopt, concur, reject, take no action, or refer