

5. A question once decided shall not be reconsidered during the same session without an affirmative vote of two-thirds, nor without a motion for that purpose being made by one of the majority on the prior decision; nor shall any question be reconsidered more than once.
6. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the House.

D. Rules of Order at the Election of a Bishop, Bishop-Coadjutor, or Suffragan Bishop

The election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made in Convention in the following manner:

1. At least a month before the date appointed for the Election of the Bishop, the Secretary of the Convention shall send to each Deputy and Alternate Deputy, as well as to every member of the clergy entitled to vote, the following documents:
 - a. Article II of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church
 - b. Canons 11 (Of the Ordination of Bishops) and 12 (Of the Life and Work of a Bishop) of Title III of the Canons of the Episcopal Church
 - c. Article XIV of the Constitution of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
 - d. Section D of the Rules of Order of the Diocese.
2. The evening before the election, the Transition Committee shall arrange an opportunity for discussion of the merits of the candidates to which all deputies to the electing Convention, clerical and lay, shall be invited. In addition to deputies with seat, voice, and vote, those with seat and voice only shall also be invited to attend. The meeting shall also be open to any other person from the Diocese, who may attend for the purpose of observing only.
3. At a point in the Convention determined by the Transition Committee and the Standing Committee, the Bishop, who shall chair the Convention, shall call on the Nominating Committee to present, in order chosen by lot, the names of all candidates, including those nominated by petition, if any, to the Convention.
4. The election shall take place in the context of a Eucharist.
5. No other nominations shall be in order at any time during the election.
6. Pursuant to Article XIV of the Constitution of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, only those clergy who have been, for at least six months immediately preceding the election, personally and canonically resident in this Diocese, may vote in the election. Clergy and Laity shall ballot separately and a concurrent majority in both Orders shall be necessary to a choice. If two-thirds of either Order be represented at Convention, a majority vote shall determine the choice of such Order; otherwise, a vote of two-thirds shall be necessary for that purpose.
7. The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Canons and Section D of the Rules of Order of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

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8. The order of names of the candidates on the list prepared for the election shall be the same as the order chosen by lot in which they were presented by the Nominating Committee.
9. If there be no election by concurrent majority of both clerical and lay deputies after the first ballot, there shall be further ballots until there is such a majority and a bishop is elected. If during the election process a candidate withdraws or is withdrawn from the ballot, no endorsement of another candidate will be in order.
10. Once the required majority has been obtained, the Eucharist shall be resumed, and the Bishop shall notify the Bishop-elect and seek consent of the same.
11. Before leaving the place where the election was held, all deputies present, clerical and lay, shall sign a testimonial certifying the election as required in Article II of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.