

Resolution 2 for 2011 Diocesan Convention  
Submitted by the Diocesan Council

AMEND CANON 2, SECTION 8 – CONSTITUING A QUORUM

*Resolved*, Canon 2.8 is hereby amended to read as follows:

A majority of priests and deacons ~~entitled to vote~~ *physically resident within the geographic boundaries of the diocese* and a majority of the lay delegates shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business, but those in attendance may adjourn.

EXPLANATION

Each year for the past few years, we have narrowly avoided failure to constitute a quorum in the clerical order. This is due to the fact that we now have several parishes sharing priests-in-charge in a yoked arrangement and a couple of parishes without regular priestly ministry. As a result, the proportion of clergy engaged in parochial ministry has diminished in relation to non-parochial and retired clergy. A number of non-parochial and retired clergy do not reside within the State of Indiana and do not attend Diocesan Convention. At the time of this writing, there are 69 clergy who have canonical residence, making 35 the number needed for a quorum. There are 58 clergy physically resident, making 30 the number needed—a much more reliably attainable standard. In no way does this change prohibit clergy who are not physically resident from attending and exercising their right to vote.