

**GENERAL SYNOD 2016
RESOLUTION**

Resolution Number A070

Subject: Housekeeping Amendments

Moved By: Canon David Jones

Seconded By: Ms. Cynthia Haines-Turner

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

amend the Rules of Order and Procedure as follows:

changing section 16 i) to read as follows:

A motion that the debate be closed, to be carried, requires a two-thirds majority of all three orders voting together.

Source: Governance Working Group

Submitted By: The Ven. Harry Huskins; Ms. Cynthia Haines Turner, Chancellor David Jones, Q.C. (Chair)

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications? Yes No

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications? Yes No

EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND

General Synod amended the normal voting procedures in 2013 so that the three Orders vote together for ordinary resolutions and separately for constitutional and canonical matters. This amendment completes that work by removing the last vestige of clergy and laity voting together (the old Lower House) with the bishops voting separately (the old Upper House).

PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION (F)

In accordance with section 11(d) of the Declaration of Principles, an amendment to the Rules of Order and Procedure must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members voting in the usual manner (i.e., the three Orders voting together.)