

AGENDA 2.1.6.9

Withdrawal from Membership clauses: Lutheran Church of Australia Inc

PROPOSED MOTION

Submitted by General Church Board

PROPOSED THAT in the Constitution and By-laws of the Church, the following changes be made (words to be deleted - ~~strike through~~; words to be added - **bold**):

Article 13.2

13.2 Notice of any such motion to amend, alter, add to or repeal any of the rules shall be given on the agenda of the convention, and any motion to amend, alter, add or repeal shall require a ~~two-thirds~~ majority **of not less than two-thirds [2/3]** of all the delegates registered at the convention.

Section 4.3

Withdrawal From Membership

- 4.3 A congregation may withdraw from membership in the Church by adopting the following procedure:
- 4.3.1 The resolution of a congregation indicating the desire to withdraw must be adopted at a legally constituted meeting of the congregation and shall require a majority of **not less than two-thirds [2/3]** of all the voting members of the congregation, and shall be submitted to the Bishop of the District within fourteen [14] days of adoption.
 - 4.3.2 The Bishop of the District or the Bishop's appointed representative shall negotiate with the congregation for at least ninety [90] days after receipt of the resolution.
 - 4.3.3 After such negotiation, the formal and final vote shall be taken at a legally constituted meeting of the congregation, the purpose of which has been published and at which the Bishop of the District or the Bishop's representative shall be present.
 - 4.3.4 The final motion to withdraw shall require a majority of **not less than two-thirds [2/3]** of all the voting members of the congregation. A copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Bishop of the District, and upon its receipt the membership of the congregation in the Church shall terminate. The Bishop shall forward notice of withdrawal to the Secretary of the Church, who shall publish it in the official publication of the Church.

Section 7.3.28.3

7.3.28.3 For a resolution on a matter of doctrine to be deemed to be the official position of the Church it shall require a ~~two-thirds~~ majority **of not less than two-thirds [2/3]** of all the registered delegates at the convention.

Section 7.3.29

7.3.29 Any of the By-laws in Section 7.3 may, if the need arises, be suspended in respect to any business of the convention, by a ~~two-thirds~~ majority **of not less than two-thirds [2/3]** of those delegates present.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL

These changes are to ensure the correct interpretation of, and consistency in, the wording for the specified required majority. The inclusion of the words 'not less than' ensures that any margin of two thirds of the required amount, or more, is sufficient majority.