

**Resolution 205.3**  
**On Continuation in Office**

The 205th Annual Convention enacts:

The Canons of the Diocese of North Carolina are amended by adding a new Canon as follows:

**“Canon 4.1**  
**Continuation in Office**

In the absence of any contrary provision, all officers of the Diocese whose positions are filled by action of the Convention, whether by election or confirmation of appointments made by the Ecclesiastical Authority, shall hold their positions until their successors are chosen and qualified, so long as they continue to be eligible to hold the position in question.”

*Submitted by the Commission on Constitution and Canons*

Comment: With the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese, neither the Constitution nor the Canons now explicitly provide that diocesan officers continue in office until their successors are chosen. The proposed canon would make such a provision for those positions that require action by the Convention, so long as the officer in question continues to be eligible for the position. For example, a lay member of the Standing Committee who took Holy Orders would not be covered by the new provision. The proposed canon does not address positions created by canon or by action of the Bishop, leaving the issue of continuation in such offices to the provisions of the canon or Episcopal action that created the position.