

Election of a Bishop

According to Article XV of the Constitution of the Diocese of Springfield, the following process is used on the day of the election of a Bishop for this Diocese:

Section 1.

The election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made only in a Regular Synod, or in a Special Synod called for that purpose.

Section 2.

The election shall be made in the following manner:

1. The Order of the Clergy and the Order of the Laity shall vote separately by ballot, for some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and a concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to a choice.

2. If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the Parishes and Missions entitled to vote be represented by Lay Delegate or Delegates, then a majority of each Order shall determine a choice.

3. Should there not be present two-thirds of the Clergy and a representation of two-thirds of the Parishes and Missions, then two-thirds of the votes of each Order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

Section 3.

In all cases of the election of a Bishop, no Clergyman shall be entitled to vote unless he shall have been for at least six months immediately preceding the election personally and canonically resident in this Diocese, and during that time entitled to a seat in the Synod.