

Resolution 13-A

DISAFFILIATION PERCENTAGE

WHEREAS, The present General Council Bylaws do not specify a percentage of a vote when an Assemblies of God church votes to leave The General Council of the Assemblies of God; and

WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws Article VI, Section 4, d. Preservation of Affiliation, page 109, presently states the following in the last sentence: *Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the local church*; and

WHEREAS, Many local church constitution and bylaws make no provision for a particular percentage; therefore, *Robert's Rules of Order* dictate the percentage in such cases to be a "simple majority"; and

WHEREAS, A simple majority for such a serious matter as severing a relationship with the Fellowship seems inappropriate for such an important decision; and

WHEREAS, In many such cases some of the faithful Assemblies of God people have already left these difficult chaotic situations; and

WHEREAS, It would be less disruptive to a local church to have a two-thirds vote to make such a request, therefore demonstrating a greater unity of decision; and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial for all our churches and districts to have the same rule to guide us and not permit unfair practices by having some churches' constitutions and bylaws to have one percentage and possibly other churches' constitutions and bylaws another; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article VI. ASSEMBLIES, Section 4. Relationships Between Churches, District Councils, and the General Council, d. Preservation of affiliation, page 109, which presently reads:

d. Preservation of affiliation. In the event the termination of affiliation with The General Council of the Assemblies of God is under consideration by an affiliated assembly, the pastor or board shall invite the district officers to participate in a specially called business meeting for the express purpose of giving the district officers the opportunity to present the case for continued General Council affiliation. Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the local church.

Be amended to read:

d. Preservation of affiliation. In the event the termination of affiliation with The General Council of the Assemblies of God is under consideration by an affiliated assembly, the pastor or board shall invite the district officers to participate in a specially called business meeting where such matters will be discussed and voted upon for the express purpose of giving the district officers the opportunity to present the case for continued General Council affiliation. A decision to disaffiliate shall require a two-thirds vote of the membership, or a more restrictive rule prescribed by the governing documents of the church or district. ~~Final disposition of the matter may then proceed in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the local church.~~

Sponsor: Northern New England District Presbytery
General Presbytery

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