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**A BILL FOR A RULE TO AMEND RULE III—
NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTING 2022**

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The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Electronic balloting under Rule III

1. In Rule III – Rules for the conduct of elections ordered to be made by General Synod, after Rule 7 insert:

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"Electronic balloting

7A. (1) The Standing Committee may determine that a ballot to which Rules 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 would otherwise apply is to be conducted using an approved electronic method.

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(2) Where a ballot is conducted using an approved electronic method, each person present and entitled to vote at the relevant session of the Synod is entitled to vote by that method.

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(3) In this rule, **approved electronic method** means a method of conducting a ballot electronically recommended by the General Secretary and approved by the Provisional Business Committee that—

- (a) in all respects records and counts votes as if they had been recorded and counted under Rules 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13; and
- (b) is at least as confidential, secure, free from manipulation and corruption, accurate and reliable as a ballot conducted under Rules 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

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Information in nominations

2. In Rule III – Rules for the conduct of elections ordered to be made by General Synod, in rule 5(a1), for "In respect of an election for the Standing Committee, Appellate Tribunal and the panel of persons from which the members of the Special Tribunal are appointed the nomination shall contain" substitute "A nomination must contain".

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Exhibition of nominations

3. In Rule III – Rules for the conduct of elections ordered to be made by General Synod, in rule 6(a1), for "In respect of nominations for the Standing Committee, Appellate Tribunal and the Special Tribunal" substitute "In respect of all nominations".

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