

## Amendments



**¶ 59. Article I.** —Amendments to the Constitution shall be made upon a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the aggregate number of members of the several annual conferences present and voting, except in the case of the first and second Restrictive Rules, which shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the annual conferences present and voting. The vote, after being completed, shall be canvassed by the Council of Bishops, and the amendment voted upon shall become effective upon their announcement of its having received the required majority.<sup>102</sup>

**60. Article II.** —Amendments to the Constitution may originate in either the General Conference or the annual conferences.

**¶61. Article III.** —A jurisdictional or central conference<sup>103</sup> may by a majority vote propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, and such proposed changes shall be submitted to the next General Conference. If the General Conference adopts the measure by a two-thirds vote, it shall be submitted to the annual conferences according to the provision for amendments.

*102. See Judicial Council Decisions 154, 243, 244, 349, 483, 884, 961; amended 1976.*

*103. Amended 1980.*