

3RD PRINTING OF THE CANADIAN STATUTES, FEBRUARY 2012

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Introduction.

The National Council of Canada has reviewed and made a few amendments to the Canadian Statutes as described below. Grammatical and other minor corrections were also made, which are not listed as too numerous and that do not change in any way the content of the book. Members do not have to order a new Rule and Canadian Statutes book but are invited to print and insert the changes in their current edition of their book as they are the only ones which are significant for membership.

Understanding the Rule and Canadian Statutes.

It is imperative that members of the National Council of Canada understand that the governing documents of the National Council of Canada are threefold:

- a) the International Confederation of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul defines what we understand as “the Rule”;
- b) the Internal Governing Statutes of the International Council General (ICG),
- c) the Internal Statutes of the Society in Canada.

Further, The International Council General outlines or defines the Basic Requirements that all National Councils must put into play in order to adequately meet what it means to follow the Rule of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul as an instituted Council.

The Canadian Statutes are subordinate to the ICG Rule and the International Statutes.

It is for this reason that some nomenclature has been rearranged in this 3rd printing in order to assist with this understanding.

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The amendments to the Canadian Statutes

P25 - 1.4.1.2 - Auxiliary Member: bullet #2 add:

Is invited to attend the general meetings, **but do not vote thereat**. Also is invited to participate in the charitable activities of the Society;

P27 - 2.1 - Prologue: add last sentence to read:

In order to provide for consistency in presidential change over at all levels, newly elected presidents shall take office on July 1 of the appropriate year.

P72 - 2.5.4 - Last bullet: add:

The presidents of the Central and Particular Councils, **the presidents of Isolated Conferences as appropriate.**

P78 - footnote #8: add:

A voting delegate may not hold more than one proxy.

P96 - 2.6.20: add after ... National President.

A voting member who cannot attend a meeting of the National Council may be represented by a member or an officer of his or her council or conference delegated by a signed Proxy Form15, which shall be presented to, verified and accepted by the National President. **A designated voting delegate may not hold more than one proxy letter.** Voting members appointed by the National President cannot be represented by proxy at any meeting.

P102 - last paragraph: delete **could**, change to read:

The Screening process includes the following: ...

P155 - C.1: add to Notation area at bottom:

A designated voting delegate may not hold more than one proxy letter.

P157 - C.2 - Election of a President - 1.2.1 – Bullet #4: delete : **a Regional or**

No more than 65 years of age when elected president of **a Regional or** the National Council.