

288B. QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS.

(a) *Persons entitled to vote.*

Every resident of this State, over 21 years of age, who shall have been an enrolled member of the Parish where he offers to vote for six months next preceding the day of election, and who shall have shared in the work of the Parish by contributions, donations or personal services rendered at the request or with the consent of the Vestry, or who shall have complied with such other financial requirements as the by-laws of the Parish may provide, shall have the right of suffrage for the election of Vestrymen for such Parish.

(b) *Right to vote on other Parish matters.*

Any person qualified to vote for the election of Vestrymen shall have the right to vote on any other matter pertaining to the Parish on which the congregation may act.

(c) *Enrollment.*(1) *Of bona fide resident members.*

Every communicant and baptized member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, other than a transferee, having a bona fide residence in any Parish, may be enrolled, with his consent but not otherwise, as a member of the Parish in which he resides by the Registrar of such Parish, without formal application.

(2) *Of transferred members.*

Every communicant and baptized member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, removing from one Parish to another, who desires to be transferred, shall be enrolled by the Registrar of the Parish to which he may remove upon the receipt of a certificate of transfer or without it, as the case may be, pursuant to general or diocesan canonical mandate.

(3) *Of other members.*

Every communicant and baptized member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, regardless of parochial residence, who shall apply for the purpose, shall be enrolled by the Registrar as a member of the Parish in which he applies for enrollment.

(4) *Of contributors.*

Unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Parish, every baptized person, whether he be a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church or not, who shall be recorded as having contributed regularly to the Parish, shall be enrolled by the Registrar as a member of the Parish to which he contributed, if he so desires.

(d) *Challenged votes.*

If, in the course of any congregational meeting, the vote of any proposed voter is challenged, his qualification to vote shall be determined (i) by the Vestrymen present, or a majority of them, (ii) by a majority of the qualified voters present, or (iii) by a committee of three members of the congregation designated by the chairman, acting as judges, after a majority of the qualified voters shall have decided which of the three groups shall act as such judges.