

288C. CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS.

(a) Notice of congregational meetings.

Unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Parish, notice of all congregational meetings, and the purpose thereof, shall be in writing posted at the church door, and shall be publicly announced in the church or at the church door on two successive Sundays at least ten days before the day of such meeting by (i) the Rector or minister in charge, or (ii) any one or more of the Vestrymen then in office, or (iii) any two or more qualified voters of the Parish, which said notice shall specify the date, the hour, and place of the meeting.

(b) Place of congregational meetings.

Unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Parish, all congregational meetings shall be held at such convenient place as may have been appointed by the Rector, Vestry or qualified voters, as the case may be, designation of which shall be included in the notice prescribed by Sub-section (a) of this ~~section~~ SECTION or by the Parish by-laws.

(c) Special congregational meetings.

In addition to the first and annual congregational meetings for the election of Vestrymen, provided by Section 288D of this sub-heading, it shall be lawful, if it is deemed desirable by the Rector, or any two or more members of the Vestry, or twenty per centum (20%) or more of the qualified voters of a Parish, to call a special congregational meeting for any purpose whatsoever, and notice thereof shall be given pursuant to Sub-section (a) of this section or the Parish by-laws.

(d) Rector to preside — Registrar to be Secretary — delivery of minutes to Registrar.

When any congregational meeting assembles, unless otherwise provided by the by-laws of the Parish, the Rector, if present, shall preside, but if the Rector is absent, then one of the following, in the order named, shall preside: (i) the Senior Warden; (ii) the Junior Warden; (iii) the dean of the Vestrymen present; or (iv) any qualified voter elected by the remaining voters present.

And, the Registrar, if present, shall be the Secretary of such meeting, but if the Registrar is absent, then the chairman shall appoint a Secretary from among the qualified voters present.

If the Registrar does not act as secretary of a congregational meeting, the minutes of such meeting shall be delivered to him as soon as practicable after the meeting.

288D. ELECTION OF VESTRYMEN AND LAY DELEGATES
—PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS GENERALLY*(a) First Congregational meeting for election of Vestrymen.*

The first congregational meeting of a newly authorized Parish shall be held on such date as shall be fixed by the prospective Rector, or if there be none, then by two or more members of the new Parish, notice of which meeting shall be given in manner and form similar to that required by the provisions of Section 288C (a) of this sub-heading.