

1 **Action Request #7**

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3 **2021 OREGON-IDAHO**
4 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
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6 **TITLE:** Delete Conference Rule 10.042 (clergy session election vote percentage)

7 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL:** OR-ID Board of Ordained Ministry

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12 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION:** Recommend for approval 19-0-0.

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14 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

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16 Delete Conference Rule 10.042 (below):

17 ~~Recommendations by the Board of Ordained Ministry to the clergy session pertaining to the election of~~
18 ~~persons to associate membership, provisional membership, or full membership, shall require a two-~~
19 ~~thirds vote of the members present and voting in a duly called session of the Board of Ordained~~
20 ~~Ministry.~~

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22 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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24 **What will this action accomplish?**

25 It will eliminate a Conference Rule that does not conform to the Disciplinary standard for votes on clergy
26 membership.

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28 **Why is it important?**

29 The 2016 Book of Discipline dictates that votes pertaining to the election of persons to associate
30 membership (¶1322), provisional membership (¶1324), and full membership (¶1330, ¶1335) all must be at
31 least three-quarters, for District Committees on Ordained Ministry, for the Board of Ordained Ministry,
32 and for the Clergy Session. This Conference Rule is clearly in violation, as a two-thirds vote would not be
33 enough to elect someone into one of these membership categories. Moreover, there is no need to have
34 a Conference Rule to guide actions that are already spelled out in the Discipline.

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36 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

37 The Rules Committee will provide an updated copy of the Rules to be printed in the Conference Journal.

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39 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

40 There is no financial cost.
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