

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CONNECTIONAL LAY ORGANIZATION – LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**TEMPLATE**

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION DRAFTS**

**DEADLINE** – November 10, 2022

**Instructions - Proposed Legislation Preparation:**

It is advised that the idea for a piece of proposed legislation (bill) be thoroughly discussed at the level of the lay organization at which it was generated before preparing a draft bill. The draft bill must address What, Where, How, and Why? Each bill must adhere to the following format:

- **Title:** Assign a Title/Subject to the matter presented (What?). The Title/Subject should be concise, yet clear, typically one line.
- **Reference:** Indicate all sections in the current edition of *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012* that are impacted by the proposed legislation (Where?). Include Part, Section, Article and page number (s).
- **Intent:** Explain how the proposed legislation will impact the A.M.E. Church (How?). Include Objectives, Changes, Additions, etc.
- **Rationale:** Explain the reasoning behind the changes/modifications/additions proposed (Why?). Please elaborate.
- **Text:** The text of the proposed legislation should be printed as it is to appear in the Revised Edition of *The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church* (see sample below). Please use the “Proposed Legislation Form” at the end of this document to prepare draft bills.
- **Cost:** Proposed legislation that has budgetary impact must be so identified.

All bills submitted by any level of the lay organization should be sent to the Connectional Lay Organization’s Proposed Legislative Committee for discussion and support. The “Proposed Legislation Form” may be copied for distribution to all levels of the lay organization.

SUBMIT all draft bills to Mark Johnson (CLO Proposed Legislation Committee, Chair) [mrk19732000@yahoo.com](mailto:mrk19732000@yahoo.com) or mail to 5 Hanover Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

**EXAMPLE OF FORMAT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

**BILL NUMBER:** AB-00

**TITLE:** The Quarterly Conference Composition

**REFERENCE:** The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2008, Part VIII, Section IV.A. Composition (Page 230).

**INTENT:** To have the Presidents of the Local Lay Organization as members of the Quarterly Conference added to the Discipline.

**RATIONALE:** Presidents of the Lay Organizations are members of the Official Board, Quarterly Conference, District Conference and Annual Conference

**CONFERENCE:** This omission under the Quarterly Conference needs to be corrected.

**TEXT:** (Add your text here.)

1            **Current Text:** licensed missionary workers, evangelists and the

2            superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of the

3            A.C.E, Fellowship and Missionary Societies, administrators of

4            the A.M.E. Institutions, organizations and agencies, provided

5            the latter are members of the A.M.E. Church.

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7            **Amended Text:** licensed missionary workers, evangelists and

8            The Superintendent of the Church School, the presidents of

9            The Lay Organization, A.C.E Fellowship and Missionary

10           Societies, Administrators of the A.M.E. institutions,

11           Organizations and agencies, provided the latter are members

12           Of the A.M.E. Church.



# PROPOSED LEGISLATION FORM



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check the appropriate response.  Prior Bill  Newly Proposed Legislation

2. Check all that apply. This bill has been reviewed, discussed, and is supported at the following levels of the Lay Organization:

Local Church Lay Organization  District of the Annual Conference

Conference  Episcopal District

3. Complete the following

<b>BILL NO.</b>	<b>Leave Blank</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	
<b>REFERENCE</b>	<i>The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church 2012,</i> Page, Section
<b>INTENT</b>	
<b>RATIONALE</b>	

- 4. Existing Legislation now reads: (Quote applicable portion of current legislation; Include rationale for the change.) If more space is needed, please continue on a separate page identified as “No. 4 continued”.**

- 5. Proposed NEW wording (by article, section, and subsection). If more space is needed, continue on a separate page identified as “No. 5 continued”.**