

1 **OVERTURE 21** from Pacific Northwest Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *BCO* 42-6 on Vote Required for Maintaining Censure during
3 an Appeal”
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5 **Be it resolved** that *BCO* 42-6 be amended by addition, as follows (underlining for additional
6 phrase):
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8 ***BCO 42-6.*** Notice of appeal shall have the effect of suspending the judgment of
9 the lower court until the case has been finally decided in the higher court.
10 However, the court of original jurisdiction may, for sufficient reasons duly
11 recorded, prevent the appellant from approaching the Lord’s Table, and if an
12 officer, prevent him from exercising some or all his official functions, until the
13 case is finally decided (cf. *BCO* 31-10; 33-4). This shall never be done in the way
14 of censure, and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.
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16 **Rationale:**

- 17 1. To ensure that "this shall *never* be done in the way of censure," it should require a two-
18 thirds majority.
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- 20 2. If, for example, a minister's disciplinary suspension is maintained during his Appeal of a
21 Presbytery conviction or censure, the process would likely take six to nine months to
22 adjudicate through the SJC. And if a church member was suspended from the Lord's
23 Supper, his Appeal could take a year to be adjudicated by the Presbytery and the SJC.
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25 *Proposed to the Pacific Northwest Presbytery at its stated meeting on January 24, 2020*

26 *Final version adopted by an Administrative Commission of Presbytery on April 8, 2020*

27 *Attested by /s/ TE Nathan Chambers, interim stated clerk*