

1 **OVERTURE 53** from the Great Lakes Presbytery (to CCB, OC)
2 “Amend *RAO* 16 to Prohibit Members of RPR from Participating in GA Debate on the
3 RPR Report”
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5 **Whereas**, the members of the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records (RPR) do the
6 difficult and tedious work of examining Presbytery minutes wherein they have the
7 opportunity to address any differences they have during the committee meeting; and
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9 **Whereas**, if a member of RPR is not satisfied with the Committee’s judgment they have the
10 opportunity to file a minority report to be brought before the General Assembly (*RAO*
11 16-7); and
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13 **Whereas**, members of the Overtures Committee are prevented from participating in debate
14 during the Overtures report to GA with the exception of the chairman of Overtures or
15 his designee (*RAO* 15-8.f); and
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17 **Whereas**, the RPR report consumed a considerable amount of time during the General
18 Assembly, in part because some members of RPR addressed the same issues before
19 the General Assembly they already had the opportunity to address in Committee; and
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21 **Therefore**, be it resolved by the 53rd PCA General Assembly that the *RAO* be modified such
22 that the following language be added under the current section 16:
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24 **16-12. Presentation of the Report of the Committee on Review of Presbytery**
25 **Records to the General Assembly:** At the presentation of the RPR report to the
26 General Assembly, a member of the RPR Committee may not participate in debate
27 unless he is the designee of the chairman with respect to the presentation of a particular
28 recommendation or presenting a minority report. With respect to any recommendation,
29 this restriction may be removed for a particular member of the RPR Committee upon
30 the adoption of a non-debatable motion to that effect by majority vote.
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33 *Adopted by the Great Lakes Presbytery at its stated meeting, January 10, 2026*

34 *Attested by TE Ryan Potter, Stated Clerk*