

1 **OVERTURE 77** from the Southeast Alabama Presbytery (to CCB, OC, AC, CDM,
2 MNA, MTW, RUF)

3 “Amend *RAO* 4-9 so that Coordinators and the Stated Clerk are Elected to 4-year
4 Terms”

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6 **Be it resolved** that the 53rd GA amend *RAO* 4-9 as shown below (underlining for additions;
7 ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions):

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9 **4-9.** The four program Committees shall nominate ~~annually~~ a coordinator for election by the
10 General Assembly for a four-year term. The Administrative Committee shall also nominate
11 ~~annually~~ a Stated Clerk for election by the General Assembly for a four-year term. If the
12 nominee has not been examined by the Theological Examining Committee, such an
13 examination must take place prior to the election when it is a first-time employment. ~~A~~ After
14 election, a new coordinator or Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of ~~the~~ that Assembly
15 meeting, or at such time thereafter as designated by the General Assembly.

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17 So that the amended paragraph reads:

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19 **4-9.** The four program Committees shall nominate a coordinator for election by the General
20 Assembly for a four-year term. The Administrative Committee shall also nominate a Stated
21 Clerk for election by the General Assembly for a four-year term. If the nominee has not been
22 examined by the Theological Examining Committee, such an examination must take place
23 prior to the election when it is a first-time employment. After election, a new coordinator or
24 Stated Clerk shall assume office at the end of that Assembly meeting, or at such time thereafter
25 as designated by the General Assembly.

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28 **Rationale**

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30 1. It's more reasonable to elect men to these positions for 4-year terms rather than one year.
31 (The members of those five Permanent Committees are elected to 5-year terms.)
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33 2. Some of these men need to live near the PCA office—or visit it frequently—in order to do
34 their job, and it's not reasonable to relocate their family for a one-year term.
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36 3. The *RAO* does not require the presidents or executive directors of our five Agencies to be
37 reelected every year, and they have no set term of office (Covenant College, CTS, Geneva
38 Benefits, PCA Foundation, and Ridge Haven).
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40 4. In the rare instance where a man needs to be replaced during his term for cause, the
41 Permanent Committee can still recommend such to the General Assembly.
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43 5. This change would be effective at the 54th GA in Milwaukee for the four Program
44 Committees (CDM, MNA, MTW, RUF). In other words, those four Permanent Committees
45 would nominate a Coordinator next year for a four-year term. However, it would be
46 effective this year for the AC's nomination of a Stated Clerk.

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2 6. Initially, the terms would expire for all four Program Committee Coordinators at the same
3 GA. However, over time these would like stagger as men leave those roles of their own
4 volition prior to the expiration of their terms.
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7 *Adopted by the Southeast Alabama Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 21, 2026*

8 *Attested by TE Kevin Corley, Stated Clerk*