

Constitutional Amendment Ballot Results

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With the adoption of Res. 7-02A, the Synod's 2013 convention amended paragraphs 3 and 7 of Article XII of its Constitution by changing terminology from "circuit counselor" to "circuit visitor." According to Article XV of the Constitution, such constitutional amendments become effective six months from the date on which ballots are mailed to the congregations of the Synod, provided that two-thirds or more of the ballots returned within those six months favor the amendment.

Ballots were mailed to all voting congregations of the Synod on October 1, 2013. Balloting was completed on March 1, 2014. A total of 2,013 ballots were received, 1,496 congregations voting in favor and 517 voting against the amendment. A two-thirds majority of 1,342 votes in favor was required. Therefore the change in terminology from "circuit counselor" to "circuit visitor" was ratified and is now in effect, this change to be applied to the entire *Handbook* of the Synod.

As required by Article XV of the Synod's Constitution, the Secretary of the Synod is to announce the outcome of the voting "by districts" in an official periodical of the Synod. Those results are as follows:

<u>Districts</u>	<u>Yes Votes</u>	<u>No Votes</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Yes Votes</u>	<u>No Votes</u>
Atlantic	13	10	New Jersey	6	7
California-Nevada-Hawaii	29	18	North Dakota	27	3
Central Illinois	50	4	North Wisconsin	56	21
Eastern	31	4	Northern Illinois	57	20
English	43	6	Northwest	46	29
Florida-Georgia	31	15	Ohio	38	12
Indiana	63	13	Oklahoma	20	7
Iowa East	38	6	Pacific Southwest	39	20
Iowa West	51	23	Rocky Mountain	34	18
Kansas	45	13	SELC	6	5
Michigan	91	50	South Dakota	36	11
Mid-South	35	8	South Wisconsin	59	14
Minnesota North	67	11	Southeastern	36	25
Minnesota South	103	10	Southern	19	22
Missouri	93	20	Southern Illinois	29	2
Montana	21	6	Texas	79	47
Nebraska	61	31	Wyoming	33	0
New England	11	6			

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