

**45-29** (to the Overtures and Resolutions Standing Committee)  
**From the Permanent Judicial Commission**

*Rules for Assembly VII Section 7-3*

Original Text	RLP Proposed Amendments: <i>additions, deletions</i>	PJC Additional Proposed Amendments: <i>additions, deletions</i>
<p><b>VII. Communications and Overtures</b></p> <p>....</p> <p>7-3 An overture ordinarily is the request of a Presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter.</p> <p>7-4 All overtures proposing amendments to the Book of Order shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21.3D.2a). All other overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures received after those filing dates shall be</p>	<p><b>VII. Communications and Overtures</b></p> <p>....</p> <p>7-3 An overture <del>ordinarily</del> is the request of a Presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter. <u><i>Since overtures to the General Assembly are the communication of the lower court, the higher court is responsible for the public dissemination of all overtures properly filed. The Stated Clerk shall provide for the public posting of any properly filed overture so that the overture is made accessible to the whole Church ordinarily within five (5) days of original receipt.</i></u></p> <p>7-4 All overtures proposing amendments to the Book of Order shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21.3D.2a). All other overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of General Assembly. No overtures received after those filing dates shall be considered by its Assembly convening in that year. Overtures from the floor of the General</p>	<p><b>VII. Communications; <u>Overtures; and Proposed Amendments</u></b></p> <p>....</p> <p>7-3 An overture is the request of a Presbytery for action by the General Assembly upon a specific matter. Since overtures to the General Assembly are the communication of the lower court, the higher court is responsible for the public dissemination of all overtures properly filed. The Stated Clerk shall provide for the public posting of any properly filed overture so that the overture is made accessible to the whole <u>church</u> ordinarily within five (5) days of original receipt.</p> <p>7-4 All overtures proposing amendments to the Book of Order <u>or these Rules for Assembly</u> shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly (G.21-3D.2a). All other overtures shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of <u>the</u> General Assembly. No overtures received after <del>those filing dates</del> <u>the applicable filing date</u> shall be considered by the Assembly convening in that year. <del>Overtures from the floor of the General Assembly prior to the deadline</del></p>

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### Rationale:

- The caption change reflects the fact that certain committees may propose amendments to the *Book of Order* or these *Rules for Assembly*.
- 7-4: This clarifies the previous language. The two-thirds requirement for reception of new business is moved to proposed new Rule 13-3.