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Rivers & Lakes Presbytery hereby respectfully overtures the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church:

**Whereas** it belongs to synods and councils to make provision for the better administration of the government of the Visible Kingdom through the Order of the church (WCF 31.2); and

**Whereas** that earthly government must be maintained through diligence since it may err and need to be corrected or improved upon (WCF 31.3); and

**Whereas** *The Book of Government* grants the authority and responsibility of Presbyteries “to overture the General Assembly on those matters it believes vital or helpful to the whole Church,” (BOG 194.C.2);

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Rivers & Lakes Presbytery overtures the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church regarding three matters as enumerated below:

- Overture #1 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 5-10.  
(Approved with a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed)
- Overture #2 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 9-5.  
(Approved with a vote of 23 in favor, 14 opposed)
- Overture #3 - Proposed amendments to *The Book of Government* 19-3.  
(Approved with a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed)

Approved by Rivers & Lakes Presbytery at its 46<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, January 23, 2026.

  
RE George Kalemkarian, Moderator

  
TE Annie Rose, Stated Clerk

Overture #3

Original Text	Proposed Revisions
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Rationale:

- This eliminates and clarifies a present redundancy.