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(a) Where there are more than two Candidates and no Candidate has received an absolute majority of votes in both houses, the Convener of the Electoral Synod shall call upon the Electoral Synod to proceed without further discussion to a transferable vote in which the members of Electoral Synod shall vote by placing each of the Candidates in order of preference.

(b) An option for 'None' shall be included on the ballot paper and may be listed as a preference.

(c) The vote shall be by ballot in each of the houses, with a transferrable vote being cast by each member of the Electoral Synod.

(d) The count of first preference votes against each Candidate will be tallied.

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(a) Where there are more than two Candidates, in the event of no Candidate receiving a majority of the votes of each house in any of the previous votes, the Convener of the Electoral Synod shall call upon the Electoral Synod to proceed without further discussion to vote by placing the Candidates in order of preference.

(b) A vote of 'None' is competent and may be included as a preference.

(c) This vote shall take place without division into houses and will reflect the votes of the whole Electoral Synod.

(d) The count of first preference votes will be tallied.

(e) The Candidate who receives the lowest number of first preference votes shall be eliminated.

(f) The ballot papers which listed the eliminated Candidate as the first preference shall then be recounted and the second preference votes on those ballot papers shall be counted and added to the tally of the remaining Candidates.

(g) This process will continue until two Candidates remain.

~~(h) If at any point where a second preference vote on a ballot paper is being counted and that vote is in favour of a Candidate who has been eliminated, the third preference vote shall be counted instead and so and so forth until a preference is reached in respect of a Candidate who has not been eliminated. That preference vote shall be counted as though it were the second preference.~~

(f) The ballot papers which listed the eliminated Candidate as the first preference shall then be recounted and the second preference votes shall be redistributed amongst the remaining Candidates.

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(h) For these purposes 'None' may validly be considered a Candidate.

~~(i) At any stage in the process, if a Candidate receives an absolute majority of the votes of each house of members of Electoral Synod recorded as present and admitted, in terms of Section 22 of this Canon, and voting, that Candidate shall be declared by the Convener to have been elected.~~

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