

OVERTURE TEMPLATE
See Book of Forms Section 67 and Appendix A-7

Extract Minute:

At {place}, on {date}, the Presbytery of {name of presbytery} met and was constituted with prayer. Among other matters addressed, the presbytery agreed to transmit this overture to the General Assembly. The overture is transmitted (with approval, with disapproval, without comment).

To: To the Venerable the General Assembly:

Whereas: **Note:** *This section identifies the issue to be addressed and provides background information. Each “whereas” paragraph should build a reasoned case for why the overture should be adopted.*

Note: *This section also prepares the receiving court for the “prayer of the overture” presented in the “therefore” section below. The prayer of the overture should express clearly the action requested.*

Therefore: Therefore, the Presbytery of {name of court} humbly overtures the Venerable, the {ordinal number} General Assembly, to [insert the prayer of the overture], or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, deems best.

Referred or Unreferred:

The presbytery further agreed to request that the overture be referred to [insert name of agency, board or committee, subject to section 80.1].

Note: *This request is optional. An overture may be referred to a specific agency, board or committee provided it is in the hands of the Clerks of Assembly prior to February 1. Unreferred overtures will be received up to April 1.*

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of {name of court} by {name of clerk}.

[Signature], Clerk of Presbytery

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