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**TO THE 38<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Adopted by the**  
**Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic**  
**87<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**April 30, 2017**

The Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic respectfully overtures the 38<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to amend **G.18.1**, *Book of Government*, second sentence, from its present reading to the reading of the sentence, as follow:

<b>Current G.18.1</b>	<b>Proposed G.18-1</b> Additions in <i>bold italics</i>
"The Session is composed of the Pastor and Associate Pastor(s) and all the Ruling Elders on active service."	"The Session is composed of <i>at least</i> the Pastor and Associate Pastor(s) and all <del>the</del> <i>at least two</i> Ruling Elders <del>on active service.</del> <i>for each Associate Pastor(s).</i> "

Rationale:

The proposed reading removes any ambiguity regarding 2:1 Ruling Elders for every Teaching Elder on Session. It reinforces EPC's position on the parity of two Ruling Elders for each Teaching Elder (cf. G.19-24.4(a) ).