



Department of North Carolina

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From: William E. Brown, MCL # 342077 Life Member #60939
To: Judge Advocate, Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League
Bylaws Committee Chairperson, Department of North Carolina, Marine Corps League

Subj: **Proposed Amendment to the Department Bylaws (DBL), Article One , Section 101.**

In accordance with the Bylaws Article VIII, Sections 800, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2023 Department of North Carolina Convention.

CURRENT SECTION:

SECTION 101 - CREDENTIALS, DELEGATES, ALTERNATES

- A. Delegates and members desiring to attend business sessions of a Convention must be members in good standing and possess properly executed and signed credentials and must be registered with, and approved by, the Convention Credentials Committee. **(CH 5-22)**
- B. Delegates and Alternates to the Convention shall be Detachment regular members in good standing as reported by the National Detachment Roster dated 31 March immediately preceding the Convention. Any revisions to that roster need to be provided to the Department Adjutant 30 days prior to the Convention. The Delegate voting strength of each Detachment shall be as follows: **(CH 5-22)**
 - 1. the first ten (10) Regular members - one Delegate and one (1) Alternate
 - 2. for each additional full block of ten (10) Regular members - one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate
 - 3. for any remaining partial number of ten (10) Regular members - one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate
 - 4. New Detachment^s, that have received their charter, that form too late in the year to show up on the 31 March report, shall be represented by one Delegate and one (1) Alternate.

PROPOSED SECTION (New or revised text in RED)

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- 4 New Detachment^s that have received their charter, that formed too late in the year to show up on the 31 March report, their delegates shall be calculated as shown in subparagraphs 1 through 3 above based on the number of Regular members (less Dual Members not transferring their voting rights) appearing on the Charter Application.

CHANGE RATIONALE: As previously written, New Detachments would be denied their full representation at the annual Department Convention by only providing one Delegate and one (1) alternate vote. With the minimum requirement for Charter application of 20 Regular members, they would rate at least 2 Delegates and 2 Alternate votes. This was also noted by NJA Russ Miller upon review of the 2022 DoNC Bylaws as not being consistent with calculation method in the National Bylaws,

Respectfully Submitted,



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