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Department of North Carolina



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Subject: Proposed DoNC Bylaws Change Article Six Section 660 Resignation of Elected or Appointed Officers/Committee Chair/Members

In accordance with Article Eight, Section 800, of Department Bylaws (DBL) Amendments, I am submitting the following change for consideration at the 2023 Department of North Carolina Convention.

NO CURRENT LANGUAGE

PROPOSED LANGUAGE (New or Revised text in RED)

SECTION 660 – RESIGNATION FROM ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICE

- A. The Member will submit in writing his/her intent to resign from an elected or appointed office to the Detachment Commandant and Department Commandant if he/she chooses to vacate the position.
- B. Acceptable circumstances include but are not limited to:
 - (1) Physical or Health issues of the Member or Member’s family.
 - (2) Job Relocation
 - (3) Movement away from the Detachment area that would inhibit or preclude attendance at Detachment or Department functions
 - (4) A Judge Advocate must resign his/her position at the lower level to accept a higher elected position as Judge Advocate
- C. Unacceptable circumstances are:
 - (1) The member resigns for inability to perform the duties required of the elected or appointed office and gives no indication of further attendance..
 - (2) The Individual wishes to transfer to Member-at-Large status. In doing so, if the individual seeks to rejoin the Detachment at a later date the individual shall not (depending on time since last attending) be eligible to be nominated for, be elected or appointed to Detachment positions for a period of not less than one (1) year.
 - (3) If the individual chooses to vacate the office to which elected or appointed but wishes to remain a member of the Detachment, said member shall not be eligible to be nominated for, be elected or appointed to Detachment positions for a period of not less than one (1) year.
- D. After consultation with the member, the Detachment Commandant, will accept the resignation as acceptable or non-acceptable, inform the Department Commandant and the Detachment.



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- E. The resignation will create a vacancy and the provisions of NBL Article Eight Section 825 at the Department level and NBL Article Nine Section 935 at the Detachment level will be followed for finding and replacing the individual.

RATIONALE: When the individual is first nominated, he/she swears that he/she understands the demands and duties of the office and agrees that if elected (or appointed) that they will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of that office. And when they are sworn in, they again reaffirm that they will subordinate themselves and obey the laws and regulations of the MC League upon installation into their position. This provides guidance for both acceptable and non-acceptable circumstances.

Although Detachments may not impose punishment, members can be advised in advance as part of the election process that should they be unable to perform and must resign it will be a condition of acceptance in order to be nominated or be appointed, and should become a part of the Detachment Bylaws and their election procedures.

Respectfully Submitted,

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