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To: Chief Operating Officer, Marine Corps League

Subject: Proposed National Administrative Procedure Change

In accordance with the National Administrative Procedures, Chapter Ten, Section 10020, the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2025 National Convention.

IRT: Administrative Procedures Section 2040 C.

CURRENT:

Section 2040. Nominations

C. A division whose Assistant Division Vice Commandant's term is expiring, shall caucus prior to the time of nominations and select its nominee, presenting the name of that nominee when Assistant Division Vice Commandants' nominations are called for. Said nominee must be on the floor at the time of nomination and must be a member in good standing and reside in that division.

PROPOSED (Added changes in RED):

Section 2040. Nominations

C. A division whose Assistant Division Vice Commandant's term is expiring, shall caucus prior to the time of nominations and select its nominee, presenting the name of that nominee when Assistant Division Vice Commandants' nominations are called for. Said nominee must:

1. be on the floor at the time of nomination,
2. be a member in good standing,
3. primarily reside in that division throughout their term of office, and
4. reside in the continental United states

Rationale:

- **Local Representation and Understanding:** Electing Assistant Division Vice Commandants solely from within their respective Divisions ensures that these leaders have a deep understanding of the unique needs, challenges, and opportunities within their geographical areas. This knowledge is crucial for effective decision-making and representation. This is exclusionary to those who travel and reside part of the year to a second home outside of their primary state of residence.
- **Enhanced Accountability:** Leaders elected from within their own Divisions are more likely to be held accountable by their peers. This fosters a sense of responsibility and commitment to addressing the specific concerns and priorities of their Division members.
- **Cohesive Leadership:** By restricting elections to within the continental United States, the organization ensures that leaders are more accessible and can participate more readily in meetings, events, and other activities. This geographical proximity promotes stronger communication and collaboration among Division Officers.
- **Consistency and Fairness:** This approach maintains a consistent and fair election process across all Divisions. It prevents any potential biases or external influences that could arise if candidates from outside the Division were allowed to run for these positions.

Respectfully submitted,



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