

**No. Resolution 21-02**

Subject: Amend Constitution, Article XI., Section 2., The Post (reduce Membership from 25-15)  
Origin: Department Membership Committee and Department Ad Hoc Constitution & By-Law Committee  
Approved: Department Executive Committee April 4, 2022

WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 1., of the American Legion National Constitution establishes that the minimum membership of a Post shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Department in which a Post is located; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio has established in Article XI, Section 1., of the American Legion Department of Ohio Constitution that each Post shall have a minimum membership of twenty-five (25) members; and

WHEREAS, Records of The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters in May 2020, reflected that twenty-five (25) of the 528 American Legion Posts chartered in the Department each had a membership of less than the required twenty-five (25) established by Article XI, Section 1 of the Department Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 5% or more of all the Posts in the Department could be now or in the future in jeopardy of having action taken by the Department of Ohio in compliance with the provisions of the American Legion National Constitution pertaining to the operation of Posts to have the Post charter cancelled and the Post to face closure; and

WHEREAS, The possible loss of 5% or more of all the American Legion Posts in the Department of Ohio would severely diminish the impact and significance of the American Legion organization in those communities served by the American Legion as well as the entire state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The closure of any American Legion Post will result in the loss of valuable resources, services and programs to the veterans, and their families in these communities, further diminishing the overall impact and presence of the American Legion in and to the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, If the minimum membership of an American Legion Post could be reduced to fifteen (15) members from twenty-five (25) members to keep the Post chartered, that American Legion Post may still be able to be a part of its community rather than the Post being closed and the American Legion no longer having any presence or value in and to that community; and

WHEREAS, Ongoing actions continue to be taken by each District and the Department to work with each American Legion Post with less than twenty five (25) members to try, exploring all options, to work with the Post membership to grow the membership and strengthen that Post before action be taken necessary to permanently strike that Post from the roster of chartered Posts in the Department; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio Internal Affairs Committee in meeting at the 2022 Mid-Winter Conference, That Article XI, Section 1., of the American Legion Department Constitution be amended to change the minimum membership a Post shall have from twenty-five (25) to fifteen (15) members; now, be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That Article XI, Section 1., shall now read: Section 1. The local unit shall be the Post, which shall have a minimum membership of fifteen (15).**

**No. Resolution 21-09**  
Subject: Amend Department Constitution, Article V., Section 2., Delegate Status  
Origin: Department Ad Hoc Constitution & By-Law Committee  
Approved: Department Executive Committee April 4, 2022

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-02 to be presented to the Department Convention, will, if adopted, amends Article XI, Section 1., (THE POST) of the Department Constitution to mandate the minimum membership required by a Post from twenty-five (25) members to fifteen (15) members; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of Article XI, Section 1., will change the initial allotment of delegates and alternates to the Department Convention as outlined in ARTICLE V, SECTION 2., (ADMINISTRATIVE) of the Department Constitution, which is based on the minimum number of members for a Post; and

WHEREAS, ARTICLE V, Section 2., as currently worded states “Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first twenty-five (25) members, two delegates and alternates for sixty-six (66) members, and an additional delegate and alternate for each one hundred (100) members”; and

WHEREAS, It is the objective of the Department Executive Committee for the Department Constitution and the Department By-laws to be consistent throughout each document; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio Internal Affairs Commission in meeting at the 2022 Department Mid-Winter Conference, That the initial delegate strength documented in Article V, Section 2., of the Department Constitution shall be changed from:**

**“Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first twenty-five (25) members, two delegates and alternates for sixty-six (66) members, and an additional delegate and alternate for each one hundred (100) members”**

**shall now read:**

**“Each Post shall be entitled to one delegate and one alternate for the first fifteen (15) members, two delegates and alternates for sixty (60) members, and an additional delegate and alternate for each one hundred (100) members”; and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The Department Convention Credentials Committee with the Department Adjutant be charged with bringing all other aspects of Department Convention delegate and alternate changes and procedures in-line**