

RESOLUTION
The American Legion Department of Ohio
Internal Affairs Committee
2022 Mid-Winter Conference
January 21st – 23rd, 2022

RESOLUTION No.: Resolution 21-02

ORIGIN: Department Membership Committee and Department Ad Hoc Constitution & By-Law Committee

SUBJECT: Amend Department Constitution, Article XI, Section. 1., The Post (Reduce Membership from 25-15)

REFERRED TO: Internal Affairs Committee

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).

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant

Department

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary _____
