



Resolution No. D12-2020-01

Title: Amend Department Constitution and By-laws Article XI, Section 2

Origin: Young-Budd Post 171, Westerville, Ohio

Submitted To: American Legion, Department of Ohio

Whereas; The American Legion was chartered as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness and to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community. The primary purpose of the American Legion is to provide programs for youth and a support network for Veterans and their families.

Whereas; The American Legion post, like many philanthropic organizations across our great nation is a vital community-based organization that assists the community it serves with community-based services and actions in social health, educational programs, social welfare and overall personal growth and improvement of its members and the residents of its community, and is especially important in the smaller communities around the state of Ohio.

Whereas; Membership in nearly all community-based organizations has been challenged in recent years and even more so in the smaller populated communities.

Whereas; The American Legion Department of Ohio Constitution and Bylaws mandate that all American Legion posts in Ohio maintain a minimum of 25 members or could face closure.

Whereas; Per the Department of Ohio May Department Executive Committee Meeting, the Adjutant stated that twenty-five of the 527 Department of Ohio American Legion Posts currently have a membership of less than 25 and could face closure. Twenty-two of these posts are located in communities of a population of under 4,019 residents where maintaining membership in any organization is an even greater challenge.

Whereas; Closure of an American Legion Post in any community will result the loss of necessary and valuable resources, services and programs for our Veterans, our youth and our communities, especially in the smaller communities around the state.

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Therefore; Be it Resolved that American Legion 12th District Council, at its scheduled Conference on July 19, 2020 in Westerville Ohio, respectfully requests that the American Legion Department of Ohio revise the current minimum number of 25 members stated in Article XI, section 2 of the Department Constitution and By-laws needed to establish a Post to be amended to 15 members for the reasons stated in this Resolution.

Approved: 19 July 2020

Commander

Adjutant