The bylaws may be amended at Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates. The Bylaws Committee consisting of Pat Drago, Debbie Chandler, Charlotte Nycklemoe, Mark Songer and supported by Blake Summerlin proposed the following changes to the bylaws, which were subsequently approved and recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors. They are recommended for adoption by the 2023 Convention.

All changes to these bylaws for the League of Women Voters of Florida, Inc. are also proposed for adoption for the League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund. The committee will issue a future report and recommended motions.

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**MOTION 1:** WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF ANY AMENDMENTS, THE SECRETARY SHALL PUBLISH AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE BYLAWS. DURING THESE 30 DAYS THE SECRETARY MAY MAKE CORRECTIONS TO SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, FORMATTING, SINGULAR/PLURAL, AND PUNCTUATION FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CONSISTENCY AND TO ENHANCE THE UTILITY OF THE BYLAWS FOR THE MEMBERSHIP.

**Background:**

The Bylaws Committee Report may not be perfect. This will help us to correct any Scrivener’s errors.

This initial motion is offered to define the accountability to publish updated bylaws and to avoid the need for amending committee motions should changes in spelling, capitalization, formatting, singular/plural, and punctuation from the bylaws that are marked for changes included as a part of the Bylaws Committee Report.

During discussion of the motions during Convention, it is recommended that any such changes required be communicated to a member of the Bylaws Committee for action following the approval of the proposed amendments.
MOTION 2: TO ADOPT THE CHANGES IN ARTICLES I, II, AND III TO CONFORM TO LWVUS BYLAWS, AND TO REPLACE LWVF WITH LWVFL IN EACH INSTANCE WITHIN ANY ARTICLE OF THE BYLAWS AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Article I – Name

Background: Articles I through III are required to conform to LWVUS bylaws. A change is proposed to update the acronym in the bylaws to be the same as state league branding. This change will be proposed in all instances where it appears and will be effective when a vote approves this initial instance.

Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:

Sec.1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Florida, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVFL. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as LWVUS.

Article II – Purposes and Policy

Background: LWVUS added the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policy to the bylaws and this needs to be formally incorporated into LWVFL bylaws which have not been amended since 2017 Convention.

Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:

Sec. 2. Policies. Political Policy. The Policies of LWVFL are:

(a) Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

(b) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy. The League is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with LWVUS’ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

Article III Membership

Background: LWVUS added a definition of student membership that needs to be formally incorporated to LWVFL bylaws which have not been amended since 2017 Convention.

Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:

Sec.2. Types of Membership.

(a) Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join LWVFL shall be voting members of the local and state Leagues and of the LWVUS.

1. Those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League.

2. Those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League
or shall be state members-at-large.

3. Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from the payment of dues.

4. Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part-time with an accredited institution.
MOTION 3: TO AMEND ARTICLE IV SEC 1. TO ALLOW FOR OFFICER ELECTIONS TO BE STAGGERED BETWEEN CONVENTION AND COUNCIL AND TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV SEC. 2 WITH LANGUAGE THAT IS CURRENTLY IN ARTICLE V, AND TO RENUMBER EXISTING SECTIONS FOR THE NEW SECTION 2, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Article IV Officers

**Background:** The proposed changes provide for a transition to tiered terms of office as presented to the Board of Directors. The president, second vice-president, secretary and two directors will be elected at Convention. The first vice-president, treasurer and three directors elected at Council. This change will allow for better continuity within the board and eliminate the potential for a full board turnover at Convention.

**Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:**

**Sec.1. Enumeration of Officers.** The officers of the LWVFL shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be elected by the Convention and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or Council until their successors have been elected and qualified. Co-officers are permissible and references herein to any officers shall include the possibility of co-officers.

**Sec. 2. Enumeration of Board of Directors.** The LWVFL board shall consist of the officers of the League, five elected directors and not more than five appointed directors as the board deems necessary to carry on the work of the League. These appointed directors shall be in addition to any directors voted by the board to fill vacancies as specified in Article V, Section 3. The term for appointed directors not filling vacancies shall be determined by the LWVFL board to be expiring at either the next Convention or Council.

**Sec. 32. Note: renumber current sections 2 through 5 to reflect addition of new section 2.**
MOTION 4: TO DELETE THE CURRENT ARTICLE V SECTION 1 AND ADD NEW LANGUAGE TO ALLOW FOR STAGGERED TERMS FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Article V Board of Directors

NOTE: If Motion 2 fails to gain two-thirds of the Convention votes, this motion is unnecessary.

Background: Currently the elected and appointed board of directors and officers all have terms expiring at Convention. A best practice used by many LWV organizations is to stagger the terms of officers and board members to ensure continuity. The committee is recommending that LWVFIL amend the bylaws to elect officers and directors at both Convention and Council meetings to allow for staggered terms.

A one-time change is required at convention to implement the change. Three officers and two members will be elected for a two-year term. Two officers and three members will be elected for a one-year term. At the 2024 Council, Two officers and three members will be elected for a two-year term. In 2025 and following years, five board members, including officers, will be elected to two-year terms at Convention and Council.

Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:

Sec.1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, five elected Directors and not more than five appointed directors. The elected directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve until the conclusion of the next regular biennial Convention or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding five, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected directors.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors.

a. At the Convention at which this amendment is adopted, directors shall be elected as follows: The president, second vice-president, secretary and two directors shall be elected to serve a term for two years or until their successors have been qualified and elected at the next Convention. The first vice-president, treasurer and three directors shall be elected to serve a term of one year or until their successors have been qualified and elected at the next Council.

b. Except for the election of directors specified in Art. V Sec. 1.a., officers and directors shall be elected as follows:
   At Convention, the president or one co-president, second vice-president, secretary and two directors shall be elected.
   At Council, one co-president, if there are co-presidents, first vice-president, treasurer and three directors shall be elected.
Officers and directors shall take office immediately upon taking the oath of office and serve for two years or until their successors have been qualified and elected.

MOTION 5: TO AMEND ARTICLE V SEC. 2 TO ADD AS A QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICERS OR BOARD MEMBERS TO BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF FLORIDA AND ADDING EMPHASIS FOR ADHERENCE TO ADOPTED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background on Qualifications

Proposed Changes: There have been issues with league leadership being residents of other states and only able to serve in a leadership role, part time. This change provides that to serve on the board a member must be a permanent resident of the state and eligible to vote.

A Florida resident according to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department.

Florida Statutes 196.015 defines the ways in which the Property Appraiser may determine an intention to establish a permanent residence in the state, among these being registered to vote at a Florida address, having a driver’s license or identification card and evidence of relinquishment of driver licenses from any other states, and the address as listed on federal income tax returns.

The committee acknowledges that many local leagues will adopt changes made to the state bylaws and we will advise all local leagues when the proposed changes are transmitted that these changes are not required to be made by each local league.

The Governance Committee of the Board of Directors has recommended additional language be added to emphasize that all board members need to abide by the adopted policies and procedures of LWVFL.

Sec.2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member enrolled in a local League of Women Voters in the State of Florida or a member-at-large residing in and a permanent resident of the State of Florida. All members of the board agree to abide by and support the adopted policies and procedures of the LWVFL.
MOTION 6: TO AMEND ARTICLE V SEC. 3 TO CLARIFY SUCCESSION OF PRESIDENT, CO-PRESIDENT, AND MANNER OF FILLING A VACANCY FOR ANY OFFICER OR DIRECTOR AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background on Vacancies, resignation, and removal: It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that its members attend meetings and participate constructively in the work of the league and to appoint replacements if necessary. Language is also proposed to clarify succession of the President and Co-president if that office is filled. Resignation and removal will be covered in a new section that follows.

Sec. 3. Vacancies Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next Convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. In the event a member of the State Board is absent from two consecutive regular meetings of the State Board, unless excused by the Board, that office shall be declared vacant.

a. Sole President. In the event of absence, resignation, removal, disqualification, disability or death of a sole president, the vice-presidents, in order of their rank, shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the office of president. If no vice-president is able to serve as president, the state board shall elect one of their members to fill the vacancy.

a. Co-President. In the event of absence, resignation, removal, disqualification, disability or death of a co-president, the board of directors shall decide by a majority vote whether the remaining co-president will serve as sole president or if the co-president vacancy will be filled by the vice-presidents, in order of their rank. If no vice-president is able to serve as co-president, the state board may elect one of their members to fill the vacancy.

C. Other Officers and Directors. Any vacancy, other than of the president, occurring in the board of directors by reason of the absence, resignation, removal, disqualification, disability or death of an officer or director shall be filled, for the remainder of the vacated position’s term, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board of directors.
MOTION 7: TO ADD ARTICLE V. SECTION 4 TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE ABSENCES THAT CONSTITUTE A RESIGNATION, TO DEFINE THE MANNER IN WHICH AN OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED, AND TO RENUMBER SECTIONS FOR THE ADDED SECTION, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background on Resignation and Removal
Currently an officer or board member is presumed to have resigned after missing two meetings without a valid reason. Due to the frequency of Regular Meetings, the committee is recommending that this be increased to three meetings. A procedure is proposed when recording attendance at a Regular Meeting of the board, that the absent members will be noted in the minutes as having an excused or not excused absence.

Currently there is no method for removal of an officer or board member. New language is proposed for the board to have a procedure to remove an officer or board member. The language “with or without cause” is recommended based on committee research of preferred language for this bylaws section. The proposal is general enough that the board may determine whether the action or inaction of the officer or member is justification for removal. The committee considered, but rejected, including examples of reasons for removal that would have added complexity without significantly improving this recommendation.

The Governance Committee of the board of directors recommended additional language to reinforce the emphasis on adherence to adopted policies and procedures by listing this as one reason for removal from the board of directors.

Sec. 4. Resignation and Removal of Officers and Members of the Board. Three consecutive absences from a Regular Meeting by any officer or director without valid reason as determined by the board, shall constitute a resignation. Any officer or director may be removed with or without cause as determined by a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the board not including the officer or director sought to be removed, who shall have no right to vote with respect to any such action. Failure to comply with adopted procedures and policies may be reason for removal from the board of directors.

Sec. 54. Note: renumber current sections 4 through 5 to reflect addition of new section 4.
MOTION 8: AMEND ARTICLE V SECTIONS TO CLARIFY HOW SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED, TO ALLOW FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS TO BE CALLED WHEN CONVENTION OR COUNCIL IS A VIRTUAL OR HYBRID IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING AND TO BETTER FACILITATE SPECIAL MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY EMAIL AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background on Special meetings, manner, and executive: Virtual meetings have helped the Board expedite its business and Special meetings are called when necessary. Language is proposed to update how special meetings are called during a Convention or Council when conducted virtually so that notice of the meeting is not required to be physically handed to board members.

Meetings via email have been unwieldy and require extraordinary coordination. Their use should be limited. Language is also proposed to use “reply all” when a meeting is held by email to speed the communication process of board discussions and votes.

Sec. 76. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors or shall call a special meeting may be called upon the written request of five members of the Board. Members of the Board shall be notified of the time, place and subject of special meetings, in writing, delivered personally or by mail, facsimile, or other electronic means, sent at least three days prior to such meetings, provided, however, that during a Convention or Council the president may, or upon the request of five members of the Board shall call a special meeting of the Board with notice requirements of a special meeting with the exception of the three day prior notice requirement by handing the members of the Board a written notice.

Sec. 87. Manner of Meetings. Meetings may be held in person or by electronic means including but not limited to telephonic conferencing, video conferencing and E-Mail. Telephonic and video conferencing meetings shall be called, noticed and conducted in the same manner as in person meetings. Meetings via email may extend over a period (e.g., 1 week) only for exceptional circumstances with strict adherence to the following procedural requirements to include the following:

(a) The President shall formally call a meeting by notifying each member of the Board of Directors, providing the agenda, and meeting start and end time.

(b) A quorum is established based on the number of board member responses to the President’s call. A majority of members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(c) All motions, debates and votes are sent by reply all only to the President, who shall forward them to all members in the order received.

(d) The time allowed for discussion and voting on a motion shall be specified by the President, who shall send out a reminder alert as the vote closing time nears.
MOTION 9: TO AMEND ARTICLE V. SEC. 10 TO DEFINE WHAT POWERS ARE DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL AT THE ORGANIZING MEETING AFTER ELECTIONS OR BY BOARD ACTION SUBSEQUENT TO THAT MEETING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POTENTIAL OF CO-OFFICER POSITIONS, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background on Executive Committee Powers Delegated

Currently the Executive Committee acts infrequently, generally on personnel matters or extremely tight deadline decisions that are clearly within the Program. The proposed changes will increase the transparency by confirming to all board members immediately after elections what powers are delegated to the Executive Committee. In addition, the changes add a requirement to report to the full board at the next meeting any actions taken by the Executive Committee. The changes also allow for the board to modify the powers delegated to the Executive Committee by a motion at meetings after the organizing meeting.

New language is inserted to clarify that the Executive Committee shall be expanded beyond five individuals in the event that there are co-officers, such as Co-presidents.

Sec.109. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the five elected officers (increased if there are co-officer positions). The Executive Committee shall exercise such power and authority as may be delegated to it at the first regular meeting following Convention or Council, or by vote of the board and shall report to the Board on all actions taken by it at the next between regular meeting meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE VI Recognition of local Leagues, Inter-League Organizations and Member-at-Large

No changes are recommended
**MOTION 10: TO AMEND ARTICLE VII SEC. 1 TO CHANGE THE FISCAL YEAR OF LWVFL TO BEGIN ON THE FIRST OF JULY AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.**

**Article VII Financial Administration**

**Background:** The current fiscal year end at March 31st presents a problem for budget approval in odd-numbered years at Convention. The Florida legislature meets during March and April in odd-numbered years, so Convention has traditionally been held after session during June. This means that the organization operates without a budget for over two months at the beginning of the year.

Adopting a July to June fiscal year will better match activity cycles of the league. For example, the budgets for even-numbered year end usually have two lobby day events, and the next budget does not have a lobby day. Likewise, contracts with the league’s lobbyist have spending in two fiscal years when session stretches into April. LWVUS also uses a July to June fiscal year.

The change would require a short period of three months and is proposed to be effective immediately, so a short fiscal year would be for the months April to June 2023. A new twelve-month fiscal year would start on July 1, 2023. The budget at Convention in 2023 would be for the new fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

For more details, please see the Issue Brief on Change in Accounting Period

**Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:**

**Sec.1. Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the LWVFL shall commence on the first of July April of each year.
MOTION 11: TO ADD ARTICLE VII SEC. 2(c) TO SPECIFICALLY STATE THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VII SEC. 3(b) TO ADJUST THE MEMBERSHIP DUES COST FOR STUDENTS, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Background: The Governance Committee of the board of directors has recommended several bylaws changes for emphasis and to highlight board member responsibilities. A new Article VII. Section 2(c) is proposed to alert all board members of their fiduciary responsibilities with respect to the finances of LWVFL.

For several years, LWVFL has adopted the practice recommended by LWVUS that full or part-time students at an accredited institution pay nothing for dues. The proposed change will update the bylaws from prior practice.

Sec.2. Care of Moneys.

(a) Moneys shall be deposited in federally insured financial institutions. The treasurer and/or president shall be qualified signatories on all accounts.
(b) The financial books of the treasurer shall be reviewed by a committee annually.
(c) The board has a fiduciary duty in administration of the finances of the LWVFL.

Sec.3. Financial Support.

(a) Financial responsibility for the work of the LWVF LWVFL shall be assumed annually by the local Leagues and members-at-large.

(b) Members who are enrolled in local Leagues shall pay annual dues to the local League. Each local League shall make a per member payment directly to the LWVF LWVFL, the amount of such payment to be determined at the LWVF LWVFL Convention or Council by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting. When more than one member resides at the same address in a common household, the local League shall make a per member payment equal to one-half the determined per member payment for each additional member. The local League shall make no per member payment for each student member equal to one-half of the determined per member payment. The LWVF LWVFL shall make a per member payment to the LWVUS for members-at-large in Florida.
Article VIII Convention

MOTION 12: TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII SEC. 5 TO CONFORM WITH CHANGES TO ELECTION PROCEDURES PROPOSED IN ARTICLE V SEC. 1 AND TO CONFORM WITH CURRENT PRACTICE OF REPORTING MEMBERSHIP ROLLS TO LWVUS AT JANUARY 31, AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Note: If Motion 2 fails to gain two-thirds of the Convention votes, the proposed amendment to Sec. 5 Powers stated below should not be made.

Background: The LWV of Broward County provided input on several sections of the bylaws that were circulated to the Local leagues in advance of this report. For clarity, an additional reference to the election procedures that are proposed in Article V. Section 1 is recommended to be added. The Bylaws Committee concurs with this recommendation.

The current Bylaws state a specific date for determining additional voting delegates of January 1, then later in the section reference the official membership reported to LWVUS. Since currently reporting to LWVUS is made at January 31, the difference in dates may lead to confusion. The Bylaws Committee is recommending deleting the reference to January 1 to avoid any need to determine membership at two different dates to comply with this section. In addition, the reference to “paid” voting members is deleted to clarify that students and life-time members are not excluded from the official membership total when determining additional delegates. The distinction of “paid” members as being in a league that is current on PMP payments is already covered by whether the delegate may vote in Sec. 3.

Sec 4. Representation Local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units shall be entitled to delegate representation in the Convention as follows:

(a) In addition to one president, a local League shall be entitled to one delegate chosen by members of the local League.

(b) In addition to one chair, a Member-at-Large Unit shall be entitled to one delegate chosen by members of the Member-at-large Unit.

(c) Local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units with more than 25 voting members, as of January 1 of said Convention year, shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 voting members or major fraction thereof. The record in the state office of paid voting members, as reported to LWVUS, shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

Sec 5. Powers. The Convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, shall elect officers and Directors as outlined in Article V, Section 1, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.
Article IX Council

**Note:** If Motion 2 does not gain two-thirds of the Convention vote, this motion is not necessary.

**MOTION 14:** TO AMEND ARTICLE IX SECTION 2, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 3 AND 4 TO CHANGE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL LEAGUES AT COUNCIL TO BE THE SAME AS CONVENTION, AND TO RENUMBER SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

**Background:** The LWV of Broward County submitted changes to the bylaws for representation at Council to match representation at Convention. Initially the Bylaws Committee recommended to wait until the first Council meeting electing officers and board members was held. Broward urged this change because of the importance of electing board members and officers who will have a two-year term of office. The language below for Sections 2, 3 and 4 matches the amended language of these same sections in Article VIII Convention. The Bylaws Committee now concurs with the recommendation by LWV of Broward County.

**Sec.2. Composition.** The Council shall be composed of delegates chosen by the members of local Leagues in the number provided in Section 4 of this Article, or the presidents of the local Leagues and chairs of Member-at-Large Units (or an alternate in the event the president or chair is unable to attend), one delegate chosen by each local League, and the Board of Directors of the LWVFL. Each local League delegate shall be entitled to vote only if that delegate’s League has met its per member payment responsibilities. The state Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship.

**Sec.3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting.** Each delegate shall be a voting member enrolled in a recognized local League or Member-at-Large Unit in the State of Florida. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only if that League has met its per member payment responsibilities. The state Board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only at the Council even though the delegate may be attending in two or more capacities. Absentee or proxy votes shall not be permitted. The Council shall be sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

**Sec.4. Representation.** Local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units shall be entitled to delegate representation in the Council as follows:

(a) In addition to one president, a local League shall be entitled to one delegate chosen by members of the local League.

(b) In addition to one chair, a Member-at-Large Unit shall be entitled to one delegate chosen by members of the Member-at-Large Unit.

(c) Local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units with more than 25 voting members, as of said Council year, shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 25 voting members or major fraction thereof. The record in the state office of voting members, as reported to LWVUS, shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.
Sec. 53. Powers.

(a) The Council shall elect officers and Directors as outlined in Article V, Section 1, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year and shall transact such other business as shall be presented by the state Board.
MOTION 14: TO AMEND ARTICLE X TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE FOR A MANNER OF REMOVAL OF A MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND TO FACILITATE NOMINATIONS AT COUNCIL SO THAT STAGGERED BOARD TERMS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AS STATED IN THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Article X Nominating Committee
Background on Nominating Committee changes:

Qualifications are changed in Sec. 1(a) to parallel the permanent resident requirement for board of directors and officers.

New language is added in Sec. 1(c) to allow for the board of directors to act if deemed necessary to remove a member of the Nominating Committee. Currently there is no way to remove a member, regardless of performance, inability to continue to serve, or leaving Florida to reside in another state.

New language is added in Sec. 1(d) to increase transparency in the event it becomes necessary to name a new chair of the committee.

New language is added in Sec. 3 to conform to nominations required at council meetings to implement the staggered terms for officers and the board of directors.

Recommended language marked for changes from current bylaws:

Sec.1. Nominating Committee.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members who are permanent residents of the State of Florida, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the Board of Directors, shall be elected by the Convention.

(b) Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately after the Convention.

(c) Any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The board may remove an elected or appointed member of the Nominating Committee with or without cause by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the board at a regular or special meeting.

(d) The president of the LWVF-LWVFL shall send the name and address of the chair of the Nominating Committee to the president of each recognized local League and Member-at-Large Unit immediately following Convention and within 30 days of filling a vacancy in the position.

Sec.2. Suggestions for Nominations. The chair of the Nominating Committee shall request, through the president of each local League and chair of each Member-at-Large Unit, suggestions for nomination for offices to be filled. Suggestions for nominations by
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local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units shall be sent by the president or secretary to the chair of the Nominating Committee at least three months before the Convention or Council. Any member may also send suggestions to the chair of the Nominating Committee.

Sec.3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, Directors and the chair and two members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to the local Leagues and Member-at-Large Units no later than two months before the date of Convention or Council. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Convention or Council on the first day of the Convention during the first plenary session. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Article XI Program

*No changes are recommended.*

Article XII National Convention and Council

*No changes are recommended.*

Article XIII Parliamentary Authority

*No changes are recommended.*

Article XIV Amendments

*No changes are recommended.*

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