

2026 Proposed Bylaws Amendment #4

The District 4-L4 Bylaws currently provide that Lions Clubs are billed dues one half on September 10th and one half on March 10th. This results in the district being late on payments due to insufficient funds. This Amendment will change the billing dates to July 15th and January 15th. In addition, banks are no longer able to deal with countersigned checks, and many obligations required to be paid by electronic means rather than by check. This amendment would further authorize the payment by check or electronic payment only if authorized by the District Governor in writing. This amendment also clarifies an unwritten rule to becoming a written rule of not moving funds from one budgeted line item to another as these line items were approved by the delegates at convention.

The Bylaws currently provide:

ARTICLE VIII - District Administration Fund, Section 1

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The Proposed Amendment would be as follows: *(changes in bold italics)*

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