



# LIONS of VIRGINIA

*Multiple District 24*



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Multiple District 24  
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws**

**February 2018**

**TO: Lions of Multiple District 24**

**Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lions of Virginia, Multiple District 24, are attached. The delegates will consider these proposals for adoption at the 95th Annual Convention, in Richmond, Virginia, May 17 – 20, 2018.**

**This notice is in accordance with Article IX, Section 3, of the Constitution, and Article VII, Section 3, of the By-Laws. These articles state that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall give to each Lions Club, in the State Organization, a written notice of each such proposed amendment, at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention (May 18 2018).**

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## **Order of presentation**

### **Constitution Proposals Requires 2/3 Vote**

- 1. Article III – Membership - Section 1 (page 1)  
Proposed by MD 24 Council of Governors**
- 2. Article VI – State Convention - Section 1 (Page 7)  
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- 3. Article VII – Elections - Section 1 (Page 14)  
Proposed by Council of Governors**

### **By-Laws**

**Requires Simple Majority (50% + 1)**

- 4. Article III– State Convention Committee and Officers – Section 1 (page 29)  
Proposed by MD 24 Council of Governors**
- 5. Article IV – Standing Committees and Funds  
(Pages 30 & 31)  
Proposed by MD 24 Council of Governors**

# Constitution

## Article III Membership begins page 1

### Section 1 Second paragraph strike and replace to conform to new MD24 structure

Multiple District 24 shall consist of ~~six (6) districts, A, B, C, D, E, and F,~~ **three (3) L, C and I,** ~~the area of each to be established by vote of the delegates at the State Convention.~~ **the area of each is already established.** The respective districts are presently established in accordance with this Article and Section of the Constitution and may be changed only by amendment to this Constitution. In the case of a multiple district redistricting proposal, approval by simple majority (50% + 1) of the Conventions of the sub-districts comprising the multiple district must be obtained. Any changes are subject to approval by the Board of Directors of Lions International.

### Rationale: MD 24 transition to three Districts.

### Paragraphs 4 – 9 Delete paragraphs completely as currently written replace with paragraphs 4 – 6 describing new Districts.

District 24-L shall comprise all the Clubs located in cities within or surrounded by the following Virginia Counties: Albermarle, Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King George, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Westmoreland and the Independent Cities of Alexandria, Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Covington, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester.

District 24-C shall comprise all the Clubs located in cities within or surrounded by the following Virginia Counties: Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe, and the Independent Cities of Bristol, Galax, Martinsville, Norton, Radford, Roanoke City, and Salem.

District 24-I shall comprise all the Clubs located in cities within or surrounded by the following Virginia Counties: Accomack, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Goochland, Greenville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, York, and the Independent Cities of Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Danville, Emporia, Franklin, Hampton, Hopewell, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Richmond City, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg.

### Rationale: MD 24 transition to three Districts requires new territorial outline as approved at the MD24 2016 State Convention.

**Article VI – State Convention Section 1 second paragraph page 8 remove irrelevant information**

The State Convention shall convene on Friday of the Convention week and conclude on the following Sunday. , effective at the 1997, or 1998, or 1999, but no later than the 2000 Convention

**Rationale – Removing unnecessary information**

**Section 4 page 9** - Remove items that are no longer relevant and renumber

- ~~8. A written invitation by the mayor or city manager of the city desiring the convention.~~
- ~~9. Whether street decorations will be furnished gratis.~~
- 8. 10. Whether adequate police protection, parking facilities, and convention halls are available and will be furnished gratis.
- ~~11. The availability and location of a Parade Route.~~

**Rationale – Removing unnecessary information**

**Section 6 page 9** update number of committee members and number of Districts remove unnecessary information

**SECTION 6.** In addition to the Committees provided in Article IV of the By-Laws, there shall be a standing State Convention Committee composed of ~~seven (7)~~ **four (4)** members. One member of the Committee shall be the State Secretary/Treasurer serving Ex Officio, one member from each of the respective ~~six (6)~~ **three (3)** Districts, each serving for a term of three (3) years.

~~Provided, however, that, during the 1965-66 fiscal year, the members from District 24 B and District 24 D shall be appointed for a one year term; the members from District 24 A and District 24 C shall be appointed for a two year term; the members from District 24 E and District 24 F shall be appointed to a full three year term; and, thereafter, the two expiring terms each year shall be filled by three (3) year appointments.~~

**Rationale – Updating to reflect new MD24 District structure and removing unnecessary information**

**Section 7 page 10** Strike and correct grammar

**SECTION 7.** The Council of Governors shall appoint a State Convention Chairman ~~and an Assistant State Convention Chairman~~, whose ~~terms~~ **term** of office shall be from the conclusion of the first meeting of the Council of Governors from within the State to the conclusion of the next following first meeting of the Council of Governors within the State.

The Chairman shall be from the District in which the State Convention shall be held, ~~and, wherever feasible, the Assistant Chairman shall be from the District in which the next ensuing State Convention shall be held.~~ In the event of a vacancy ~~in either of these two (2) positions~~ **in the position**, the Council of Governors shall fill such ~~vacancies~~ **vacancy** at its next regular or special meeting.

**Rationale – The position of Assistant State Convention Chairman is no longer an appointed position in MD24.**

**Section 8 page 10** Strike item

**SECTION 8.** It shall be the duty of the State Convention Chairman ~~and the Assistant State Convention Chairman~~ to familiarize any and all prospective Host Clubs bidding or planning to bid for the Annual State Convention in regard to their responsibilities and liabilities in connection with the holding of the Annual State Convention prior to the submitting of the bid or before submitting the question of the Host City to the Council of Governors

**Rationale – The position of Assistant State Convention Chairman is no longer an appointed position in MD24.**

**Article VII – Elections Section 1 page 14** Remove unnecessary information

**SECTION 1.** At the Annual State Convention, a majority of the registered delegates shall constitute a quorum, and only the votes of the registered delegates present and on the floor of the convention shall be counted. A registered delegate, as herein referred to, shall be any delegate who is registered and certified by the Credentials Committee on or before 5 P.M., local time, on the day before the election of officers is held. ~~, effective at the 1997, or 1998, or 1999, but no later than the 2000 Convention.~~

**Rationale – Removing unnecessary information**

## By-Laws

**Article III – State Convention Committee and Officers** Update number of Districts and remove unnecessary information

**SECTION 1.** In addition to the Nominations Committee (as provided for in Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution), the Council of Governors, on or prior to the first day of the Annual State Convention, shall appoint the following Convention Committees: Credentials Committee, Steering Committee, Resolutions Committee, Elections Committee, ~~Neurology~~ **Memorial** Committee, Sergeant-at Arms Committee, ~~and Parade Committee~~, each committee to consist of not less than ~~six (6)~~ **three (3)** members (one member from each District) to serve during the convention unless sooner discharged. In like manner, the Council of Governors shall appoint a Parliamentarian to serve during the convention.

~~The Parade Committee shall be appointed no later than September 1, or eight months preceding the Annual State Convention.~~

**Rationale – Updating to reflect new MD24 District structure and removing unnecessary information and update name of Memorial committee**

**Article IV – Standing Committees and Funds** (page 30)

**Section I (a)** – Add Global Service Team

**Section 1 ( c ) ( 2 ) and ( c ) ( 3 )** – rewrite to reflect recent changes made by LCI.

**Add new section 1 ( c ) ( 4 )** Global Service team

Page 31 insert

**c) (4) The Global Service Team Multiple District Coordinator shall be elected by the Council of Governors for a term of three (3) years, and such members shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the Council of Governors. A Global Service Team District Coordinator shall be appointed by each District Governor Team in consultation with the Global Service Team Multiple District Coordinator for a term of one (1) year and the member(s) shall be eligible for reappointment at the discretion of the District Governor Team with the Global Service Team Multiple District Coordinator.**

**Rationale: Update MD24 C& B to reflect new committee**