

Original Language:	Proposed Language:	Changes:
<p>Section 2. Qualifications, Nomination and Election</p> <p>Any member of a South Dakota Lions Club in good standing with their District and Lions Clubs International, and who receives the written endorsement of their individual Lions Club is qualified to serve as a Director. The written club endorsement, along with a letter of intent to run for a position on the Board of Directors, must be received by the President or Executive Director of the Corporation at least twenty days prior to the election, which shall be held at the business meetings of each District at the State Convention. If two candidates from each District do not provide the necessary written endorsement and letter of intent to the President or Executive Director twenty days prior to the meeting, the Board of Directors may, but are not required to, accept a written endorsement and letter of intent at the meeting . If there are less than two candidates from either District elected at the meeting, following the election any vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Section 11 of this Article.</p> <p>Those Lions in attendance at the meeting from each District shall elect two directors from their respective Districts. The election shall be made by secret ballot from Lions in their respective District and the candidate(s) receiving the majority number of votes cast shall be declared elected.</p>	<p>Section 2. Qualifications, Nomination, and Election</p> <p>Any member of a South Dakota Lions Club in good standing with their District and Lions Clubs International is qualified to serve as a Director. The election shall be held at the business meetings of each District at the State Convention. Candidates for Director shall submit a letter of intent to the Executive Director or President prior to the election. If less than two candidates from each District are elected at the meeting, any vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Section 11 of this Article.</p> <p>Those Lions in attendance at the meeting from each District shall elect two directors from their respective Districts. If there are more than two candidates for Director, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot from Lions in their respective District and the candidate(s) receiving the majority number of votes cast shall be declared elected.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Eliminates club written endorsement. 2) A letter of intent can be submitted any time prior to the election (no more 20 days). 3) A secret ballot would only be necessary if there are more than two candidates.

<p>Section 3. Term of Office</p> <p>The Directors elected at the annual regular meeting shall serve for a period of three years, concurrent with the fiscal year of the Corporation, or until their successor has been named and qualified. No member may serve more than two consecutive three year elected terms.</p>	<p>Section 3. Term of Office</p> <p>The term of a Director shall commence on the first day of January following the Director’s election. The Directors elected at the annual regular meeting shall serve for a period of three years, or until their successor takes office. No member may serve more than two consecutive three-year elected terms.</p> <p>During the transitional period from 2021 through 2023, the terms of incumbent Directors shall be shortened by six months so that their successors may take office on the first day of January and only six elected Directors from each district are serving at the same time.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Terms start January 1 rather than the start of the fiscal year (July 1). 2) The terms of current board members are shortened by six months in order maintain the same number of board members while allowing their successors to take office on January 1st.
<p>Section 6. Regular Meetings</p> <p>Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly at such time and place the Board of Directors shall determine. The regular meetings of the Board are open to all members, unless the Board of Directors, by majority vote of the Board, or at the discretion of the President, elects to go into executive session, at which time the meeting shall be open only to those duly qualified members of the Board.</p>	<p>Section 6. Regular Meetings</p> <p>Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held three times annually at such time and place the Board of Directors shall determine. The regular meetings of the Board are open to all members, unless the Board of Directors, by majority vote of the Board, or at the discretion of the President, elects to go into executive session, at which time the meeting shall be open only to those duly qualified members of the Board.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) There would be three annual meetings rather than four.