

Proposal I

Date Heard:

Vote:

RULE 5: DEBATE AND VOTING - PLATFORM

Problem: There is a very low threshold in a cumulative voting exercise to force a vote on Platform deletion. This has caused resentment amongst some who wish to see this process eliminated. However, having this in place keeps the Platform Committee from trying to gut sections of the Platform if a majority simply doesn't like a plank, and keeps them focused on refining, leaving a power of popular deletion with the delegates. So there needs to be a compromise solution that doesn't allow such a small group to wield so much power and potentially cause dissension.

Solution: Raising the threshold to something more familiar while still retaining the cumulative voting aspect giving people time to lobby to see if they can gain support in a vote.

Benefits: Retains the power of the delegates to bring something that has a chance of passing to a deletion vote while keeping far too small of a group from forcing one.

| Current Wording | Proposed Amendment | If Adopted, Will Read |
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SPONSORS: Harlos

MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.
- Per LPUS Bylaws, Article XVII, Section 1, the bylaws require a 2/3 vote to pass.
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership