

AMENDMENT #3 | CHAPTER-PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Significantly Higher Thresholds and New Rules Limit Chapter Access to the Amendment Process

CURRENT REQUIREMENTS



10 CHAPTERS

In good standing
Must endorse the proposal



5 STATES

Must be represented

VS.

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS



134 CHAPTERS

In good standing
(as of 1/1/26, 5% = 134*)



20 STATES

Must be represented

THE IMPACT

CHAPTERS NEEDED

**1240%
INCREASE**

STATES REQUIRED

**300%
INCREASE**

* Based on 2,665 chapters in good standing as of 1/1/26 (5% = 134).

ADDITIONAL NEW REQUIREMENTS



Certification of proper approval

Must certify that the proposal was properly approved.



Copy of chapter bylaws

A current copy must be submitted.



Copy of Chapter meeting minutes

Approved minutes showing the action taken must be provided.



One amendment per CC session

Each chapter is limited to one bylaw amendment proposal.



If more than six proposals qualify

The NBOM will determine which will be presented to Congress.



NBOM determination FINAL

No appeal is provided.



3-year limit to resubmit

If not adopted, the same (or substantially similar) proposal may not be resubmitted for 3 years unless the NBOM approves.

DISCRETION AND CONTROL SHIFT



Chapters meet higher thresholds and submit extensive documentation.



NBOM selects which proposals are presented



NBOM determination is final.



Limits to resubmit proposals on similar issues

Greater gatekeeping • Greater discretion • Less chapter access • No appeal

The question before us:

Do these amendments preserve an appropriate balance between national leadership and the voice of the chapters ?