

5th LD Democrats
2021 Proposed Bylaw Revisions – Summary of Changes

Membership

- Membership changed to require:
 - Residence within district
 - Voting age in next general election (vs. age 14 or above)
 - Compliance with dues requirement for 21 days (vs. 10 days)
 - Continues to require declaration of being a Democrat
- Creates an associate (non-voting) membership for those who pay dues but do not otherwise meet the membership requirements
- Membership period now specified to expire on January 31st of the year following fulfillment of dues

Precinct Committee Officers

- Clarifies distinction between elected PCOs, appointed PCOs, and acting PCOs
- Clarifies the process for recommending and approving acting and appointed PCOs, conforms to current practice
- Removes the ability for the Executive Board to appoint PCOs, instead requiring a membership vote

Officer and Duties

- Establishes a requirement when voting for officers to strive for inclusion of historically marginalized groups and district-wide representation
- Adds clarification of voters for each position (electors)
- Updates gender references and conforms them to current party definitions

Removal of Officers

- Clarifies removal process and changes requirements from percentages of members (20%) to a specified number of members/electors (20)

Membership Meetings

- Updates location requirement to reflect recent practice of rotating locations
- Increases quorum requirements from 10 to 25, reflecting recent membership size
- Adds the ability for the Chair (or the 1st Vice-Chair based on the written request of the Executive Board) to call a special meeting.

General

- Remaining changes improve readability and understandability and remove redundant provisions, but are not substantive