

Following are the Proposed Amendments to Department of Michigan Bylaws submitted for consideration by the VFW delegates to the 107th State Convention

BL 1 and BL 2 are each dependent upon the passage of the other. The failure of passage of either one will result in the failure of both.

BL 1

Article VI Districts

Remove Section 4 in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section 4. a. District allowances are allocated to the various Districts in accordance with the provisions of Article X Section 1 of these Bylaws to provide resources to the Districts to allow District Officers to conduct travel within the District on Veterans of Foreign Wars business, to assist the District Junior Vice and Senior Vice Commanders to attend Department Council of Administration Meetings and to promote the work of the Veterans of Foreign Wars within the District.

b. District Quartermasters shall submit quarterly a report of the utilization of Department allocated funds by District officers in compliance with paragraph “a” of this Section, to the Department Quartermaster on a form to be provided by the Department Quartermaster, reports to be due on September 30, December 31, March 30 and June 30 of each year.

c. Failure of the District Quartermaster to submit an accepted utilization report required by paragraph “b” of this Section shall result in the forfeiture of the next due installment of the annual allocation to Districts authorized by Article X Section 1 of these Bylaws.

BL 2

Article X Finances

Remove Section 1 in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section 1. a. The Department per capita (dues) shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) per annum on each annual member in good standing, effective January 1, 2026.

b. At least fifty cents (\$.50) per member shall be returned to the respective Districts, the exact amount to be set by the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the Council of Administration, in two equal installments on or about October 15 and February 15 of each year subject to the requirements of Article VI Section 4 of these Bylaws having been met.

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