

RESOLUTION
The American Legion Department of South Dakota
One-Hundred and Sixth Department Convention, Huron, South Dakota
June 19, 20, 21, 22, 2025

RESOLUTION NO.25-01

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION YOUTH SHOOTING
SPORTS PROGRAM

ORIGIN: MIKE KRAFT, POST 80, DISTRICT 5, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, The American Legion has a long-standing tradition of supporting youth programs that promote citizenship, responsibility, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, The addition of an American Legion Youth Shooting Sports Program in South Dakota would provide young individuals with the opportunity to learn firearm safety, marksmanship, and leadership while reinforcing core values of discipline and respect; and

WHEREAS, The primary objective of this program is to foster responsible firearm handling and marksmanship skills among youth while emphasizing safety, teamwork, and personal development; and

WHEREAS, The program structure includes eligibility for youth ages 12-18, certified instructor-led safety courses, compliance with NRA, CMP, and USA Shooting safety regulations, and competitive opportunities at local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, The program will collaborate with the South Dakota Shooting Sports Association, 4-H Shooting Sports, and other local organizations, as well as seek sponsorships from firearm safety organizations and sporting goods companies; and

WHEREAS, The program will provide the opportunity to collaborate through the Shooting Sports Program the opportunities the American Legion has with Boys State, Oratory Contest, Scouting Program and Youth Trooper Academy; and

WHEREAS, The program may be sustained through departmental and post-level fundraising, corporate and local sponsorships, grant opportunities, and participant fees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of South Dakota in Annual Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, that The American Legion, Department of South Dakota approves the establishment of the South Dakota American Legion Youth Shooting Sports Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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☐ Recommend Approval



Recommend Approval as Amended

☐ Recommend Consolidation

☐ Rejected

☐ Referred to Standing Commission or Committee on: _____

☐ Other Action: _____

Signature of Chairman or Secretary: _____

C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commision Secretary

RESOLUTION
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A STANDING FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

ORIGIN: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH
DAKOTA REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the South Dakota American Legion aims to continually support veterans, their families, and the community at large through various programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, effective fundraising efforts are essential to sustain and enhance the mission and operations of the South Dakota American Legion; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a dedicated committee focused on fundraising activities will streamline efforts, increase efficiency, and maximize the impact of fundraising initiatives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, at The American Legion Department of South Dakota Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, That the following amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Dakota American Legion: *Under*, Article IV: ADMINISTRATION, Section 6: COMMISSION and COMMITTEE, Subsection c) Committees: Subpart a: Permanent Committees

Add, xi. Fundraising Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The purpose of the Fundraising Committee shall be established to coordinate, plan, and execute fundraising activities in support of the objectives and programs of the South Dakota American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, Membership of The Fundraising Committee shall consist of five (5) members, appointed by the Commander one from each of the Membership Committee, Finance Commission, Marketing Media and Communications Committee and two at-large members with approval of the Department Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The responsibilities shall be:

- a. Develop and implement fundraising strategies, campaigns, and events to generate financial support for The American Legion programs and initiatives,
- b. Collaborate with Legion leadership, members, and community partners to identify fundraising opportunities and cultivate donor relationships,
- c. Maintain accurate records of all fundraising activities, including donations received, and expenses incurred,
- d. Provide regular reports on fundraising activities and financial status to the Department Executive Committee,
- e. Ensure compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and policies governing fundraising activities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The terms of the Committee members shall serve an annual term with the exception of the at-large members who shall serve a term of three (3) years, with the term of the at-large members expiring in separate years, with the option for reappointment at the discretion of the Commander and Department Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Fundraising Committee shall meet, at least semiannually, to discuss ongoing initiatives, plan future activities, and address any relevant matters; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that upon adoption, this resolution shall take immediate effect and be incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion Department of South Dakota.

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C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commission Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA FALL MEETINGS

ORIGIN: K.R. HEMPEL, POST 136, DISTRICT 7, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON _____

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WHEREAS, traditionally the eight districts of the Department of South Dakota hold fall meetings with the intent of the newly elected Department Commander to give the attendees his/her requirements, goals and priorities for the year; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of South Dakota Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section 7 discuss District Conventions to be held between March 1 and May 1 of each year, and allow the District Commander to call for additional meetings as may be needed; and

WHEREAS, the current Constitution and Bylaws does not identify district fall meetings which allows the newly elected Department Commander to address his/her requirements, goals and priorities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, at the American Legion Department of South Dakota Department Convention June 18-22, 2025 in Huron SD, That the Department Constitution and Bylaws be amended by replacing the current Article IV, Section 7 with the following:

“Section 7. DISTRICT MEETINGS. There shall be at least two regular district meetings each year. These meetings shall be called by the Department Commander. There may be other district meetings at the call of the District Commander, and the call for any such meetings shall be given by the District Commander to the Posts in his/her district at least 15 days before such meeting.

- a) The Fall District meetings shall be called by the Department Commander not earlier than September 1 nor later than 1 December each year and the call for said district meeting shall be given by the Department Adjutant to the Posts of each District at least 15 days prior to said meeting. The intent of this meeting is to allow the newly elected Department Commander to address his/her requirements, goals and priorities for the year and to allow the District Commander to conduct business as required.
- b) The Spring District meetings shall be called by the Department Commander not earlier than March 1 nor later than May 1 each year, and the call for said district meeting shall be given by the Department Adjutant to the Posts of each district at least 15 days prior to such meeting. The intent of this meeting is to allow the District Commander and Department to conduct business as required.”

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary:  _____ C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commision Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REALIGNING DISTRICTS UNDER DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS

ORIGIN: SULLY POST 79 OF ONIDA, DISTRICT 3, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, according to The American Legion, Department of South Dakota Constitution and By-laws, Article IV, Section 16 dated July 2024, the organization is structured with two Department Vice Commanders overseeing different regions; and

WHEREAS, the current assignment results in an unequal distribution of districts between the two Vice Commanders; and

WHEREAS, a balance of responsibilities and potential candidates is important for effective leadership; and

WHEREAS, this proposal was presented at the District 3 Spring Meeting in Winner, SD on March 16th, 2025 and received no objections; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of South Dakota in Annual Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, that The American Legion, Department of South Dakota Constitution and By Laws, Article IV, Section 16, be amended

From:

“Two Department Vice Commanders shall be elected at each Department Convention, one from an Area comprised of Districts One and Two, and one from an Area comprised of Districts Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight.”

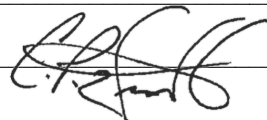
To:

“Two Department Vice Commanders shall be elected at each Department Convention, one from Districts One, Two and Three and will be the Western Vice Commander, and one from Districts Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight and will be the Eastern Vice Commander.”

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C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commission Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-05

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ORIGIN: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, the South Dakota American Legion aims to continually support veterans, their families, and the community at large through various programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure clarity and consistency in the language of the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of South Dakota;

WHEREAS, the current phrasing of Section 6, "or the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Department Conventions or the American Legion Department of South Dakota," contains the conjunction "or," which may lead to ambiguity;

WHEREAS, replacing "or" with "of" would provide clearer language and better alignment with the intended meaning of the section; therefore, be it

RESOLVED at The American Legion Department of South Dakota Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, That the following amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Dakota American Legion:

In Section 6. COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES, the sentence:

"The following commissions and committees shall be permanently established with the chairperson appointed annually except where identified differently in these Constitution and By Laws or the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Department Conventions or the American Legion Department of South Dakota"

shall be revised to:

*"The following commissions and committees shall be permanently established with the chairperson appointed annually except where identified differently in these Constitution and By Laws of the Uniform Code of Procedures for the Organization of Department Conventions **of** the American Legion Department of South Dakota." ; and, be it finally*

RESOLVED, that upon adoption, this resolution shall take immediate effect and be incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion Department of South Dakota.

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary:  C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commission Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-06

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM F. REAVES POST 7 FOR HOSTING THE 2025 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

ORIGIN: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON _____

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WHEREAS, the WILLIAM F. REAVES Post 7 of Huron, South Dakota, has graciously and diligently hosted the 2025 American Legion Department Convention; and

WHEREAS, the members of Post 7 have demonstrated outstanding dedication, hospitality, and commitment to ensuring a successful and meaningful convention for all attendees; and

WHEREAS, their efforts have contributed to the continued strength and mission of The American Legion by providing a welcoming environment for discussions, camaraderie, and the advancement of Legion priorities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the delegates of the 2025 American Legion Department of South Dakota Convention, assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, that sincere appreciation and gratitude be extended to the members of WILLIAM F. REAVES Post 7 for their exceptional contributions in hosting this significant event; therefore, and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the official proceedings of the convention and that a copy be presented to WILLIAM F. REAVES Post 7 as a token of our esteem and appreciation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-07

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO PERMIT THE CURRENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER TO SEEK ONE ADDITIONAL CONSECUTIVE ONE-YEAR TERM

ORIGIN: POST 15 OF SIOUX FALLS, DISTRICT 7, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, The current Department Commander has provided continuity, stability, and effective oversight of department programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The current Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of South Dakota limit the Department Commander to a single term; and

WHEREAS, There is broad support among the membership to allow the current Department Commander to continue for an additional one-year term to ensure the continued success of departmental initiatives and leadership consistency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the American Legion Department of South Dakota in regular Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025 that the current Department Commander shall be permitted to seek re-election and, if duly elected, serve one additional consecutive one-year term and only one; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the following amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the South Dakota American Legion:

ARTICLE IV, ADMINISTRATION, Section 15. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

“Such officers, with the exception of the National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Department Adjutant, Assistant Department Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Americanism Officer, Finance Officer, Department Historian, Service Officer, Children and Youth Chairman, and Membership Chairman shall be elected at each annual Convention. No Department Commander or Past Department Commander shall be eligible to re-election.”

shall be revised to:

*“Such officers, with the exception of the National Executive Committeeman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Department Adjutant, Assistant Department Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Americanism Officer, Finance Officer, Department Historian, Service Officer, Children and Youth Chairman, and Membership Chairman shall be elected at each annual Convention. **The Department Commander shall be eligible for re-election to serve one additional consecutive one-year term and only one.**”*; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That upon adoption, this resolution shall take immediate effect and be incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion Department of South Dakota.

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary:  C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commission Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-08

SUBJECT: TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP DUES TO DEPARTMENT

ORIGIN: POST 250, DISTRICT 5, DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

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WHEREAS, The American Legion is composed of the National Organization, Departments, Posts, and other intermediate entities, and;

WHEREAS, each of these is dependent upon annual dues collected, and;

WHEREAS, each of these operates on an annual budget based up on the amount of dues collected to meet their cash flow needs, and;

WHEREAS, all dues paid by the members of each Post are collected by the National Headquarters annually, and;

WHEREAS, each Department relies on the timely distribution of the dues collected by the National Headquarters to meet their cash flow needs; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by American Legion Post 250, Castlewood, South Dakota in regular meeting on May 1, 2025, that National Headquarters distribute dues they collect within 30 days of receipt; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy be forwarded to the Department of South Dakota Convention in Huron, South Dakota on June 19 - 22, 2025 for their approval; and be it finally;

RESOLVED, that a copy if this resolution be forwarded to the 105th National American Legion Convention in Tampa, Florida on August 22 thru 28, 2025 for concurring action.

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-09

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT TO MAKE MINOR CORRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ORIGIN: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, The Constitution and Bylaws of The American Legion Department of South Dakota serve as the guiding documents for the governance and operations of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Minor corrections, such as typographical errors, formatting inconsistencies, and grammatical improvements, may be necessary to maintain clarity and readability without altering the intent of the provisions; and

WHEREAS, The process of amending the Constitution and Bylaws currently requires formal action, which may be unduly burdensome for non-substantive changes; and

WHEREAS, Granting the Department Adjutant the authority to make such minor corrections ensures accuracy and consistency while preserving the integrity of the governing documents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of South Dakota in Annual Department Convention assembled in Huron, South Dakota, June 19th – 22nd, 2025, that The American Legion, Department of South Dakota, that Article XIV of the Department Constitution and Bylaws shall be amended to include a new Section 2, stating:

“SECTION 2. The Department Adjutant shall be authorized to make minor corrections to the Department Constitution and Bylaws, limited to typographical errors, formatting adjustments, and grammatical improvements, provided that such corrections do not change the intent, meaning, or substance of the provisions. All corrections shall be documented and reported to the Department Executive Committee at its next meeting.”
; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this authorization does not extend to changes that materially alter the meaning of any provision and that all substantive amendments shall continue to require appropriate approval in accordance with existing procedures.

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary: _____

C.P. Van Delist, Department Adjutant, Commission Secretary

RESOLUTION
The American Legion Department of South Dakota
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RESOLUTION NO. 25-10

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ORIGIN: INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

REFERRED TO STANDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 currently outlines the duties of Department Vice Commanders, including travel authorization procedures; and

WHEREAS, The requirement for travel approval via written orders and submission of travel documentation may no longer be necessary or may need modification to reflect operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The removal of specific travel authorization language will allow for updated administrative practices while preserving the role and duties of Department Vice Commanders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of South Dakota in convention assembled on this [Insert Date] day of [Insert Month and Year], that Article II, Section 2 of the Department Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS. The Department Vice Commanders shall represent the Commander as he/she may direct.

RESOLVED, That this amendment takes effect immediately upon adoption and does not alter any other provisions concerning the authority or responsibilities of Department Vice Commanders.

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