

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK, INC.

Proposed Amendment to Department Constitution, Article IV Eligibility

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.</p> <p>SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior. a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this Article shall be classed as a Senior member. b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted to Senior membership with full privileges. c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p> <p>SECTION 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Unit.</p> <p>SECTION 4. No person who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles</p>	<p>Amend by Modifying Section 5 and adding new Section 6.</p> <p>SECTION 5. No person who has been expelled by a Unit, <b>other than the Department Headquarters Unit 1</b>, shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the expelling Unit. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the expelling Unit, the person may then appeal to the Department Executive Committee for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>SECTION 6. No person who has been expelled by Department Headquarters Unit 1 shall be admitted to membership in another Unit without the consent of the Department Executive Committee. Where such consent has been asked for and denied by the Department Executive Committee, the person may then appeal to the Department Convention body for permission to apply for membership. Said person shall not become a member until such permission is granted by the Department Convention body.</b></p>	<p>SECTION 1. Eligibility for membership in The American Legion Auxiliary is determined by The American Legion. The eligibility requirements from The American Legion governing documents shall be provided as a footnote to this Constitution for information purposes and shall be updated as appropriate.</p> <p>SECTION 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Senior and Junior. a) Senior membership shall be composed of members over the age of eighteen years; provided, however, that a spouse under the age of eighteen years, who is eligible under Section 1 of this Article shall be classed as a Senior member. b) Junior membership shall consist of that group under the age of eighteen years, whose activities shall be supervised by the Senior membership. Upon reaching age of eighteen years, Junior members shall automatically be admitted to Senior membership with full privileges. c) Dues of both classes shall be paid annually or for life.</p> <p>SECTION 3. No person may be a member at any one time of more than one Unit.</p> <p>SECTION 4. No person who is a member of an organization which has for its aim the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force or violence, or who subscribes to the principles</p>

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Proposed by: Department Executive Committee

Rationale: To clarify eligibility rules for members of Department Headquarters Unit 1