

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Recommendation

This proposed recommendation amends Section 25 (c), *Legislative Council*, UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

This proposal amends the Legislative Council election process by reducing the number of persons nominated to be on the ballot from five to two. It also amends the election process by making it a straightforward vote for a single nominee and then simply counting the results to determine who received the most votes rather than ranking all nominees on a preferential “scale”. The amended language also clears up records retention issues regarding election ballots.

C. Proposed Recommendation

SECTION 25, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(c) ELECTION.

- (1) *Nominations.* In odd years the EXECUTIVE Director shall SEND OR OTHERWISE MAKE AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY OR ONLINE ~~mail~~ nomination forms to the superintendent of each member school district before January 15. The superintendent may make one nomination for each participant high school in the school district by submitting a nomination form to the EXECUTIVE Director before January 31
- (2) *Top ~~Five~~ TWO Nominees.* As of February 5, the EXECUTIVE Director shall determine which ~~five~~ TWO persons received the greatest number of nominations in each basketball region. ABSENT A TIE, THE TWO PERSONS RECEIVING THE MOST NOMINATIONS IN EACH BASKETBALL REGION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT PER PART (3), BELOW. ANY TIES BETWEEN PERSONS RECEIVING THE MOST NOMINATIONS SHALL BE BROKEN BY VOTE ON THE BALLOT. ~~In the case of a tie, the Director shall determine the nominees by lot.~~
- (3) *~~Preferential~~ Ballot.* The EXECUTIVE Director shall send to the superintendent of each member school district for each participant high school in the district one ~~preferential~~ ballot. ~~listing.~~ ABSENT ANY TIES, the TWO ~~five~~ nominees SHALL BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT. On behalf of the school district, the superintendent may cast one VOTE PER ballot for A NOMINEE ON BEHALF OF each participant high school in the district. The ballot must be received by the League before March 1 to be counted.
- (4) *Ballot Tally.* On March 5 the chair of the State Executive Committee and the EXECUTIVE Director, or their designees, shall tally the ballots and determine who is elected in each basketball region conducting an election. IN CASES OF A TIE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE OUTCOME BY LOT.
- (5) *Results.* The EXECUTIVE Director shall publish the results of the election and before March 15 inform the person elected. The person elected shall promptly inform the EXECUTIVE Director concerning his or her willingness to serve.

- (6) *Validation.* To be valid a nomination and ballot must be signed by the superintendent of the member school district. The EXECUTIVE Director shall take custody of the nomination forms and ballots and retain them FOR A PERIOD OF TIME CONSISTENT WITH UNIVERSITY RETENTION POLICY BUT IN ANY EVENT for AT LEAST one year and, SUBJECT TO STATE LAW, may not permit examination of them by any person, unless expressly authorized to do so by the State Executive Committee to determine an election contest.
- (7) *Even Year Elections.* In even numbered years this schedule shall be altered to begin the election process as soon as the realignment and reclassification process is final.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

This recommendation should not have a fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

The Standing Committee on Policy moves that the Legislative Council pass this amendment, to be effective August 1, 2016, if approved by the Commissioner of Education.