

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 1008, *Congress*, would increase the number of entries allowed in the UIL Congress contest. Each school would be allowed to enter up to five entries rather than the current limit of three.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

The Congress event has grown in popularity since its sanction over 10 years ago and schools are requesting to be able to enter more students in the regional contest that qualifies competitors to the state championship. This amendment would provide opportunities for more students to participate at the first round of competition.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1008 of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1008: CONGRESS

(b) ENTRIES:

- (1) *Representation*. Each school in all conferences may enter ~~three~~-FIVE competitors in the congressional region competition. Two alternates may be registered. Entries shall be submitted at least ten calendar days prior to the congressional region competition via the UIL website.

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

Fiscal impact would be very limited, if any, beyond what a region meet has already appropriated to administer the meet.

E. Legislative Council Consideration Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2024.