

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

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 31, *Waiver Review Board; UIL Hearing Officer; Waiver Officer*, would expand the number of Waiver Review Board members from 10 to 12.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

Currently, the Waiver Review Board (WRB) consist of ten members, six elected members from each conference and four members appointed by the chair of the Legislative Council to reflect a sensitivity to ethnicity, gender and student population. The number of appeals has increased significantly in recent years which has led to more frequent hearings. This has caused additional work for the ten member panel. The two additional appointed members will ease the workload of the current WRB members.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 31(d) of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 31: WAIVER REVIEW BOARD; UIL HEARING OFFICER; WAIVER OFFICER

(d) COMPOSITION. The Waiver Review Board consists of ~~ten~~ TWELVE persons, whose terms begin on June 1. After consulting the chair of the State Executive Committee, the chair of the Legislative Council shall appoint ~~four~~ SIX members to serve for one (1) year. The selection of appointed members shall reflect a sensitivity to ethnicity, gender and student population size of districts. A member of the Legislative Council is not eligible to serve on the Waiver Review Board. Each of the six conferences shall elect a member of the board, who shall serve for four (4) years.

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

This proposed amendment should have minimal fiscal impact on member schools.

E. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2021.