

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

***A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment***

This amendment to Section 442, *Residence in School District and Attendance Zone*, would make the rule pertaining to separated parents consistent with guardianship rules.

***B. Factual and Policy Justifications***

Currently, a student may establish residency with a guardian after one year if the guardian was appointed by appropriate authority and filed in the county clerks office. If no legal guardianship has been taken out, three years' residence with and support of a contestant may establish guardianship. However, there is no time frame for a student to establish residency with a separated parent. This amendment would make the separated parents rule consistent with the guardianship rule.

***C. Proposed Amendment***

Section 442(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 442: RESIDENCE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ATTENDANCE ZONE

(g) SEPARATED PARENTS.

- (1) If a student's parents separate (and are not divorced), and if one parent remains in the attendance zone where the student has been attending school, the student's residence is presumed to be that of the parent who did not move.
- (2) If a student transfers to a new school with a separated (but not divorced) parent, the student is ineligible for one calendar year, but may apply for a waiver.
- (3) PARENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS 'DIVORCED' FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE.

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

This proposed amendment should have no 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, 2020.