

Proposed Change to the National Bylaws #5

Convention Year: 2026

Article: IV, Section 1

Description: This proposed change would add clarifying language regarding who is eligible to run in the event there is a vacancy in the office of national president and what would constitute an unexpired term of office to determine if the person elected in the special election can run in the next election.

Rationale: In the event there is a vacancy in the office of president and the person serving as president following a special election, that person should be eligible to run for the office in the next election if they have been serving the unexpired term for less than two years.

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To amend Article IV, Section 1, by adding language at the end that says, “The Executive Vice President serving the current vacancy shall be eligible to run for the unexpired term. In the event the unexpired term is less than two years, the individual winning the special election shall be eligible to run for president during the next scheduled election. No incumbent president seeking election shall be eligible to receive travel orders to any chapter conventions during the year they are running for reelection.”

Existing Provision	Provision With Proposed Changes
<p>Article IV, Section 1</p> <p>In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Vice President shall succeed to the position until the next annual National Convention, at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.</p>	<p>Article IV, Section 1</p> <p>In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Vice President shall succeed to the position until the next annual National Convention, at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term. The Executive Vice President serving the current vacancy shall be eligible to run for the unexpired term. In the event the unexpired term is less than two years, the individual winning the special election shall be eligible to run for president during the next scheduled election. No incumbent president seeking election shall be eligible to receive travel orders to any chapter conventions during the year they are running for reelection.</p>

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Articles and Bylaws Committee: The committee voted unanimously to recommend adoption of this proposed change.

National Executive Board voted to: