

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
107th ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
JULY 15-19, 2026 – APPLETON, WI**

Resolution: 9.2026

Subject: Elimination of the 5th District

Submitted by: Membership Committee of Wisconsin American Legion

Referred to the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin 5th District has experienced a steady and rapid decline in membership from the all-time high of 9,531 members in 1954 to 402 members in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the majority of Posts in the 5th District have not sent delegates to Department Conventions for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, Posts in the 5th District have not participated in any meaningful or consistent manner in the conduct of the programs of The American Legion for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the severe decline in membership, and lack of participation has led to great difficulty in filling the offices of the District; and

WHEREAS, under Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, a District with a paid membership under 501 does not qualify to select any Department delegates to the National Convention of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, despite this small membership, and lack of participation, the 5th District continues to enjoy equal representation on the Department Executive Committee, often to the detriment of Posts, Counties and Districts with much greater membership and participation; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, meeting in convention assembled in Appleton, Wisconsin on July 15 – 19, 2026, that Article III, Section 4 (a) of the Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, which now reads:

The Department shall be divided into twelve (12) Districts, the areas of which shall be composed as follows:

District 1 - Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties.

District 2 - Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Ozaukee, and Sheboygan, and Washington Counties.

District 3 - Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties.

District 4 - All of that part of Milwaukee County which lies South and West respectively of a line defined as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the center line of East Knapp Street in the city of Milwaukee, and the shore of Lake Michigan and running thence West along the center line of East Knapp Street to the center of the Milwaukee River, thence generally South along the center of said Milwaukee River to the center line of East State Street; thence West along the center line of East and West State Street to the center line of North 60th Street; thence North along the center line to North 60th Street and the East line of the 5th Ward of the City of Wauwatosa to the intersection of the center line North 65th Street and the center line of West Center Street; thence West along the center line of West Center to the East Boundary line of the City of Wauwatosa; thence generally North along the said East Boundary line of the City of Wauwatosa to the center line of West Hampton Avenue; thence West along the center line of West Hampton Avenue (being the North line of the City of Wauwatosa) to West line of the County of Milwaukee.

District 5 - All that part of Milwaukee County which lies North and East respectively of the line defined in "District 4" above.

District 6 - Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marquette, and Winnebago Counties.

District 7 - Adams, Clark, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Sauk, Vernon, and Counties.

District 8 - Marathon, New London Post No. 263 in Outagamie County, Portage, Shawano/Menomonee Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood Counties.

District 9 - Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Outagamie Counties.

District 10 - Barron, Buffalo-Pepin, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, St. Croix, and Trempealeau Counties.

District 11 - Ashland, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Taylor, and Vilas Counties.

District 12 - Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn Counties.

be amended to read:

The Department shall be divided into eleven (11) Districts, the areas of which shall be composed as follows:

- (1) District 1 - Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties.**
- (2) District 2 - Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Washington Counties.**
- (3) District 3 - Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, LaFayette and Richland Counties.**
- (4) District 4 - Milwaukee County.**
- (5) District 6 - Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marquette, and Winnebago Counties.**
- (6) District 7 - Adams, Clark, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Sauk, Vernon, and Counties.**
- (7) District 8 - Marathon, New London Post No. 263 in Outagamie County, Portage, Shawano/Menomonee Waupaca, Waushara, and Wood Counties.**
- (8) District 9 - Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, and Outagamie Counties.**
- (9) District 10 - Barron, Buffalo-Pepin, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, St. Croix, and Trempealeau Counties.**
- (10) District 11 - Ashland, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Taylor, and Vilas Counties.**
- (11) District 12 - Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn Counties; and, be it finally**

RESOLVED, that any past District Officer of the former 5th District shall be afforded the same rights, honors and privileges as a past District Officer of the 4th District, while they are a member in good standing of a Post in the newly created 4th District.

For Convention Committee Use

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly acted upon by the department Convention held in Appleton, WI, July 2026.

Chair or Secretary signature

Of Convention Committee on

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved as amended _____

Consolidated _____

Rewritten _____

Refer to standing committee on

Other action
