

Amendment to Change Bylaws Section 8.3 (Proposed Resolutions and Amendments)

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WHEREAS the resolution and amendment process requires work by National Office staff, more time is needed in the voting procedures timeline to allow certain tasks to take place. We propose allowing 5 days between the date that final resolution and amendment proposals are due and the day the National Office sends the final proposals to all members to allow for staff work.

Original Text: 8.3: *“Proposed resolutions and amendments must be submitted to the RC in writing sooner than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the first plenary of the National Convention. The proponent must work with the RC to bring proposals in compliance with the rules 30 days prior to the convention. The RC and NO staff must publish the proposals and where possible, pro and con statements, on the national website 30 days prior to the commencement of the Convention. The RC will establish a process for gathering pro and con statements in advance of the convention as well as on the plenary floor. The RC will establish a noticed process for deciding how many and which statements are publicized. NO staff will determine which proposals are relevant to Jailhouse Lawyers and mail selected materials to JHL members (i.e. not proposals about convention timing, or things JHL members can’t participate in).”*

We propose that the following language be adopted: 8.3: “Proposed resolutions and amendments must be submitted to the RC in writing sooner than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the first plenary of the National Convention. The proponent must work with the RC to bring proposals in compliance with the rules **35 days prior to the convention**. The RC and NO staff must publish the proposals and where possible, pro and con statements, on the national website 30 days prior to the commencement of the Convention. The RC will establish a process for gathering pro and con statements in advance of the convention as well as on the plenary floor. The RC will establish a noticed process for deciding how many and which statements are publicized. NO staff will determine which proposals are relevant to Jailhouse Lawyers and mail selected materials to JHL members (i.e. not proposals about convention timing, or things JHL members can’t participate in).”

Implementation: Once this change is made, the National Office will follow the timeline established. No further implementation is needed. The NEC has consented to this amendment.