

## **Proposed Amendment to Constitution Article 7: Referenda**

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WHEREAS referenda were historically the way members could directly vote on matters otherwise decided by the delegate system and the delegate system is no longer in use, we propose that this redundant article be deleted and remaining articles be renumbered accordingly.

**Text to be deleted:**

### ARTICLE 7 - REFERENDA

Article 7.1 National Convention Decisions Subject to Referenda - All decisions of the National Convention shall be subject to the approval or disapproval by a referendum of the membership, if such referendum is asked for by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the votes at that meeting.

Article 7.2 Referenda Initiated by Petition - on all decisions of the National Convention and on any other decisions or subjects may be initiated upon petition of twenty percent (20%) of the chapters or ten percent (10%) of the membership, determined as of the most recent Convention.

Article 7.3 National Office - shall submit any matter required to be submitted to referendum within twenty days after receipt of the petition thereof or after action taken by the convention and shall ascertain and communicate to the local organizations the results thereof within ten days after the expiration of the time within which the vote is to be taken and returned.

Article 7.4 Referendum Validity - No vote on a referendum on any question shall be valid and operative unless the total ballot voted and returned on such referendum shall be equal in number to at least one third of the number of members in the National Lawyers Guild in good standing.

**Implementation:** The National Executive Committee will implement this resolution. The NEC has consented to this amendment.