

League of Women Voters of Juneau
Bylaws Amendments for March, 2017 Annual Meeting
Explanation of Language Changes

Article 1,

New Section 2, Form. This additional language is necessary to be able to file for incorporation as a non-profit in Alaska.

Article II

Section 1, Purpose. This is amended to comply with IRS requirements for 501(c)3 non-profits.

Section 2, Political Policy. Adds a J to LWV to be consistent with the rest of the article.

Article III

Section 1, Eligibility. This is changed to clarify relationship of our local League to LWVUS.

Article IV

Section 1, Number.... Bylaws Committee didn't understand what was meant by the word "qualified."

Section 4, Powers and Duties. The listing of portfolios would be better put in the Board handbook so the Board can modify them without changing the bylaws.

Section 5, Meetings. The notice requirement is moved to the new Section 7

Section 7, Notice. This notice language is necessary to be able to file for incorporation as a non-profit in Alaska. The number of days have been changed from 3 to 2 to make it simpler to comply when emergencies occur.

Section 8, Records. This record keeping language is necessary to be able to file for incorporation as a non-profit in Alaska.

Article V

Section 1, Enumeration..... This makes it easier for the Nominating Committee to manage filling vacancies in these two positions.

Section 5, The Treasurer. This makes it clear the Treasurer is responsible for financial reports only.

Article VI

Section 2, Annual Dues,

c. Students. This conforms to the lower age limit for membership enacted at the LWVUS Convention in 2016.

e. Life Members. This conforms the LWVJ membership criteria to be the same as LWVUS.

Section 5, Dissolution. This language is required by the IRS and Alaska for 501(c)3 incorporated nonprofits.

Section 6, Checks.... This language is required by Alaska for incorporated nonprofits.

Section 7, Indemnification. This language is required by Alaska for incorporated nonprofits.

Article VII (Title change to better reflect content)

Section 4, Rights... This language is required by Alaska for incorporated nonprofits.

Article XII

Section 1, Amendments. This gives the organization some flexibility (with reasonable constraints) to change its bylaws between Annual Meetings, should that become necessary.