

B-4

Intent: The intent of this change is to realign with Article IV Section 401 of the national bylaws and fix a circular bylaws issue.

Amend "Article XV "DISTRICTS" para. d. – "(d) REDISTRICTING"

Deletions in Red, Additions In Green

By Amending The opening Paragraph as follows:

- (a) The Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars convention delegates or the Department Council of Administration shall determine the number of Districts and the geographical boundaries established in the Department. No District shall be established with less than ten (10) Posts and 750 members.

A redistricting committee shall be appointed for the purpose of making recommendations to the Department Council of Administration for re-establishing boundaries of all Districts in Texas when:

- The Department Commander feels it is necessary.
- When a District falls below ten (10) Posts and 750 members.
- When the Council of Administration, by at least two thirds (2/3) vote, directs this be done.
- When the Convention delegates assembled at a Department Convention, by a majority vote, directs this be done.

The Redistricting Committee will be comprised of no less than five (5) members in good standing appointed by the State Commander. The State Commander will designate one member as the Chair Person for the Committee.

In no case will a District be sustained that falls below 750 members by June 30 of each year.

Change To Read:

The Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars convention delegates or the Department Council of Administration shall determine the number of Districts and the geographical boundaries established in the Department. No District shall be established with less than ten (10) Posts and 750 members.

Purpose:

To realign with Article IV Section 401 of the national bylaws and fix a circular bylaws issue. The current bylaws present a situation where the order of operations is out of sync with what they should be. The last sentence clearly says that "In no case will a District be sustained that falls below 750 members by June 30 of each year." Adding the Department CoA back into this allows us to do this when needed.

i.e.

State Convention ends June 9th.

District 40 falls below 750 on June 30, and ceases to exist.

We can not redistrict District 40 until June of the following year, leaving posts in limbo for almost a year.

Submitted By: State Junior Vice Commander