

# RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2510  
Subject Amendment to Department By-Laws

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**WHEREAS**, The national membership record of The American Legion has shown a steady decline in membership across the national organization that has resulted in significant losses of operational income, and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of New York has seen a forty-six percent reduction in membership from 2010 to 2023 representing a loss of 66,855 members from 146,809 members in 2010 to 79,954 members in 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, The Department Finance Committee reported at the 2025 Mid-Winter meeting of the Department Executive Committee that declining membership revenue continues to challenge the ability of the department activities budget to meet actual expenses, and

**WHEREAS**, further discussion centered on a proposal to reduce the number of Department Standing Committee members from a chair and one member from each of the ten districts to a chair and one member from each of the 5 areas, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by The American Legion Department of New York assembled in convention July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in Syracuse, New York that the Department By-Laws Article III, Department Standing Committees, Section 1, be amended to read:

Article III, section 1. There shall be the following Department Standing Committees: Americanism, Back to God, Baseball, Blood Donor, Bowling, Children & Youth, Constitution & By-Laws, Contest Advisory & Awards, Convention, Education & Scholarship, Employment, Energy & Conservation, Finance, Foreign Relations, Golf, Homeland Security & Civil Preparedness, Junior Shooters Sports, Law & Order, Legionnaire of the Year, Legislative, Membership, MIA/POW, National Security, Oratorical, Protocol Consultant, Public Relations, Scouting, Sons of The American Legion, Special Projects, Veteran Cemetery, Veteran Services, and such other Standing or Special Committees as determined by the Department Executive Committee. Each Standing Committee shall consist of a Chair and one member each of the **FIVE ZONES**. All committee appointments, except the Finance Committee, shall be made by the Department Commander for a term of one year and approved by the Department Executive Committee. Each Committee shall perform such duties and exercise such power as may be directed by the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee. Additionally, it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to examine and audit the Treasurer's accounts at the end of each fiscal year and at such other times as may be directed by the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee. All Committees shall submit written reports of their activities and programs to the Department Headquarters Office.

**American Legion Department of New York**

**FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE**

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Approved with Amendments   X  

Consolidated with \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Standing Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Received and Recorded: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters  
(Chairman)

James W. Casey

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Adjutant Signature

Department Adjutant

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Title

Below section to be completed when resolution is submitted from another authorized source.

Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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Name

Department Resolutions Committee

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Title