

International By-Laws, Article 8, Section 3

SECTION 3. REDISTRICTING. Any single district which desires to be a multiple district or any multiple district which desires to add one or more sub-districts thereto or otherwise change one or more existing sub-districts shall submit to the International Board of Directors a redistricting proposal approved by a majority vote of the convention of the respective single or sub-districts that have 35 clubs and 1,250 members and the multiple district.

Any multiple district which desires to consolidate one or more sub-districts of which one or more sub-districts have fewer than 35 clubs and 1,250 members shall submit to the International Board of Directors a redistricting proposal approved by a majority of the convention of the multiple district.

Redistricting proposals shall be considered by the International Board of Directors provided that each proposed sub-district shall contain at least thirty-five (35) Lions clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) members in good standing unless a proposal reduces the number of sub-districts within the multiple district. In considering approval of any redistricting proposal, the International Board of Directors may give weight to any factors it deems proper and may require such additional number of clubs and/or members per sub-district as it deems proper.

In the event the International Board of Directors approves such redistricting proposal, it shall become effective at the close of the annual international convention which next follows the date of such board approval; PROVIDED, however, that delegates from clubs which will comprise the respective new sub-districts shall elect a district governor and may adopt a constitution and by-laws at a meeting held in conjunction with the convention, held after said board approval and prior to said international convention, of the district (single, sub- and multiple) being redistricted. If an existing sub-district is substantially realigned, the delegates of the clubs which comprise said sub-district may elect a district governor at a meeting of the registered delegates of the sub-district in attendance at the annual convention of the multiple district.

Board Policy Chapter IX, Paragraph H

The following policy shall apply with respect to each redistricting proposal submitted to the International Board of Directors pursuant to Article VIII, Section 3 of the International By- Laws:

All redistricting proposals must meet the requirements below, and be submitted and filed with District and Club Administration Division 60 days prior to the October board meeting for which they will be considered. No additional documentation submitted after this date will be accepted.

1. **REDISTRICTING OF DISTRICTS:** Districts (single, sub- or multiple districts) seeking to redistrict must submit the following:
 - a. A list of clubs that would comprise each proposed sub-district containing each club's total membership. Each proposed sub-district must have the minimum of 35 clubs with 1,250 members in good standing 60 days prior to the board meeting for which it is considered and sustain membership strength through the time that the redistricting takes place.
 - b. A map clearly defining the proposed boundary lines or changes in boundary lines for each district. The proposed districts should be established in a way that allows for efficient district management and minimal travel and administrative costs.
 - c. Payment of US\$500 as a redistricting fee for each new district, sub-district or multiple district proposed.
 - d. Districts and multiple districts submitting a request must include the following from each voting body evidencing that the proposed redistricting plan obtained the necessary approval.
 - (1) A full copy of the minutes, certified with the signature of the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary for single district or sub-district(s) minutes, and the signature of the Council Chairperson and Council Secretary for multiple district minutes, who were in office during the convention or special convention in which the redistricting was approved.

The minutes must reflect that a majority of the registered and certified delegates approved the resolution by written and secret ballot and must include the ballot count. The minutes must also reflect that the results were announced to the delegates during the convention. It should be noted that only a majority vote, and not a two-thirds vote, is required for consideration by the International Board of Directors.

(2) A copy of the published proposal, which must include a full and clear description of the proposed districts and/or multiple districts by clearly defining the territories for each proposed district and/or multiple district by official geographic boundary, a list of clubs to be allocated to each proposed area and a clearly marked map.

(3) Verification that the full proposal as noted in item 1.d.(2)., was circulated to each club in the single district, sub-district(s) and multiple district no later than 60 days prior to the convention for which the vote was taken.

(4) Explanation of how the multiple/sub-district(s) will be better served through redistricting, including a detailed plan that outlines goals and action plans to support membership growth, leadership development and club support initiatives.

2. **MERGER/REDUCTION OF DISTRICTS:** A multiple district that is consolidating one or more sub-districts of which one or more sub-districts have fewer than 35 clubs and 1,250 members to increase the number of members per sub-district must also submit the documentation noted in item 1. above, but is not required to submit a payment. Approval is required from the convention of the multiple district. An explanation is required outlining the programs recently implemented by the sub-district(s) to increase membership and why redistricting is still needed. In these areas, if the plan results in a sub-district that does not meet the 35 club and 1,250 member minimum, the proposal may be considered if it helps strengthen or improve the management of a sub-district and support of clubs.
3. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT REDISTRICTING:** A multiple district proposing to redistrict, but is not changing sub-district lines, must submit the items as outlined in item 1. above, but need only submit items noted under 1.d. at the multiple district level. Minutes showing the approval of the proposal and subsequent district name changes by a two-thirds vote of the district cabinet members from two-thirds of the districts is required prior to the multiple district putting forth the resolution.

4. The proposed name of the district and the multiple district must meet the naming criteria as established by Lions Clubs International. When a proposal divides an existing sub-district, the name of one of the new sub-districts should be the same as that of the original sub-district if circumstances so permit.
5. All approved redistricting proposals shall take effect at the adjournment of the next international convention unless a later International Convention is specified.
6. Any objections with regard to the procedure or process followed to gain approval of the resolution and the district (single, -sub or multiple) must be resolved utilizing the appropriate dispute resolution process.
7. The election of the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor must take place following the approval of the proposal by the International Board of Directors and prior to the International Convention for which the redistricting will follow. The election must take place during a properly called meeting of the delegates of the new district. It is suggested that the election take place during an existing district or multiple district convention for which the delegates would normally attend.
8. Proposals that do not meet the requirements above shall be rejected and returned to the applicant. If a new application is submitted within 12 months of the initial proposal rejection, the application fee of US\$500 is waived.

Questions regarding redistricting can be addressed to the English Language Department, englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org.