

## Article IV SEC Amendment #6

Repeal Article IV of the New York State Constitution  
Replace with the following:

Article IV: Votes in State Chapter

Section 1: Purposes: The State Chapter shall meet to:

- a) To formulate and decide all matters of policy for the State Chapter.
- b) To provide advice and consent to the State Executive Committee.
- c) To be the clearing house and the body of origin for all amendments to the State Chapter Constitution and By-laws.

- d) To nominate and elect the officers of the State Chapter.

Section 2: Membership:

### 1. Good Standing

- a) The membership of the State Chapter shall be all Chapters located in the Jurisdiction of New York, which are either chartered or operating under Letters Temporary.
- b) All Chapters are considered to be in good standing with the State Chapter and the Congress unless they are delinquent in one of the following:
  - i. Filing of an Annual Advisory Council Registration
  - ii. Filing of Form 10s
  - iii. Filing of Officer Address Reports
  - iv. Paying their annual Insurance Premium, **if any is assessed.**
  - v. Holding of an Annual Meeting of the Chapter Advisory Council
  - vi. Filing of an annual Financial Statement
  - vii. Meet all other requirements of a chapter in good standing as set forth in the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of DeMolay International
  - viii. **Hosting a youth protection program** at least once every six months and providing notice.
  - ix. In any other manner determined by the Executive Officer **and State Master Councilor**

### 2. Voting Delegates

- a) Definition: Each Chapter that meets the definition in Section 2 shall be eligible to have voting delegates provided:
  - i. The chapter has at least one Active DeMolay ~~and one Advisor~~ **registered and present at the meeting of the State Chapter.**
  - ii. The chapter has completed the New York DeMolay Voter Registration Form with the State Executive Committee by the deadline.
  - iii. **Each Chapter is entitled to three votes and may have one person cast all of their votes. (takes out v. Each delegate is allowed one vote. If a chapter has only one delegate they forfeit the other two. If only two delegates they forfeit the other one.)**
  - iii. Each Chapter is entitled to up to three votes and must have a

**Commented [PWB1]:** NOTE: New York DeMolay does not currently assess an insurance premium to our chapters. The Grand Lodge currently pays that for everyone.

**Commented [PWB2]:** NOTE: This used to say "Youth Protection Video" While every chapter is required to do some form of youth protection \*program\* the video is not required every six months.

**Commented [PWB3]:** NOTE: This was a point of discussion in the State Officer meeting. The concern was that the PR/EO may enact a new rule without consulting with the DeMolays. This provides for consultation.

**Commented [PWB4]:** NOTE: The SEC felt that if a young man attends convention, and his advisor for the weekend is from a different chapter he should still be able to vote.

**Commented [PWB5]:** NOTE: this clarifies you cannot just show up to vote.

**Commented [PWB6]:** NOTE: This was a debate within the State Executive Committee on how votes should be counted. One proposal gives every chapter 3 votes regardless of the number of people present at convention. The other gives every chapter 3 votes if they have 3 DeMolays qualified to vote present, 2 votes if they have 2 DeMolays qualified to vote present, 1 vote if they have 1 DeMolay qualified to vote present. The State Executive Committee feels that this is a question best settled by the voting membership of New York DeMolay

separate delegate for each of their votes.

iv. Delegates will elect a Region Master Councilor for their Region only.

**v. Each delegate is allowed one vote. If a chapter has only one delegate they forfeit the other two. If only two delegates they forfeit the other one**

vi. If a delegate has dual membership, that delegate can only represent and be a delegate for one Chapter

b) Qualifications: Delegates desiring to vote at the State Chapter in the Annual/Special State Meeting must:

i. Have completed their obligation proficiency

ii. Be in good standing with their Chapters

iii. Be a Councilor or a duly designated proxy. If no Councilor is present, an Active DeMolay may be a proxy for the chapter votes.

**Commented [PWB7]:** NOTE: The State Executive Committee debated this and made the decision that who the chapter sends as delegates is up to the chapter membership.