

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 08-7-C
SUBMITTED BY: 9th District Association of The American Legion, Department of Michigan
SUBJECT: One Man, One Vote in Private

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WHEREAS, Article V of The American Legion, Department of Michigan By-Laws allows the annual Convention to set its own rules of procedure; and

WHEREAS, The current procedure allows a delegate to cast multiple votes representing their Post; and

WHEREAS, The current procedure allows delegates to exert undue influence on voting delegates; and

WHEREAS, Post and District leaders have not allowed delegates to vote as he or she desires; and

WHEREAS, Our founding fathers also recognized the necessity that each man or woman have the right to cast their vote in private; and

WHEREAS, The current voting process goes against the ideals and principles of our democratic way of choosing our leaders; and

WHEREAS, Our eligible voting members should be protected from retaliation and pressure from his or her opposition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 19-22, 2008, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, for the purpose of election of officers, allow each member in good standing, registered as a delegate and carrying the correct credentials, the right to cast only his or her vote in private.