

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #20-W-7

SUBMITTED BY: Department Media & Communications Committee

SUBJECT: Amendment to the Department Bylaws Article VIII Section 1:
Reports

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WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Michigan Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1: Reports states: "**Section 1: Reports** - It shall be the duty of all officers and chairpersons to make annual detailed written reports for publication in the Michigan Legionnaire, setting forth the activities of their respective offices or committees for the preceding year. Any supplemental reports shall be read during the Convention. The reports shall be entered in their entirety in the minutes and shall be filed with the Department Adjutant for publication in the Department annual History."

WHEREAS, The Michigan Legionnaire Newspaper is distributed to an average of 96,000 households each issue; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 400-600 delegates attend the Department Annual Convention, which equals approximately .5% of subscribers; and

WHEREAS, The cost of production and postage is approximately \$25,000 per issue; and

WHEREAS, The required reports take up three to five pages within the June issue of the Michigan Legionnaire; and

WHEREAS, The content of some of those reports, although required, show a lack of progress in the program and do not make for good reading; and

WHEREAS, More appropriate information could be written in those three to five pages relevant to the readership; and

WHEREAS, A well written, progressive report can still be printed in the Michigan Legionnaire; and

WHEREAS, A new publication called the Annual Standing Committee Report be assembled for delegates to vote on and approved at the Department Annual Convention; and

WHEREAS, The reports, although required, are not entered into the minutes of the convention, nor in the Department Annual History; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in Department Winter Meeting assembled in Flint, Michigan, February 15-16, 2020, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan Bylaws Article VIII, Section 1, be amended to read, "Section 1: Reports - It shall be the duty of all officers and chairpersons to submit annual detailed written reports for publication in the Annual Standing Committee Reports, setting forth the activities of their respective offices or committees for the preceding year. Any supplemental reports shall be read during the Convention. The reports shall be entered in their entirety in the minutes."; and be it finally

RESOLVED, The approval of this resolution be transmitted to all members as required and voted on as an amendment to the Department Bylaws at the Department Annual Convention in 2020.