

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION:** #24-20

**SUBMITTED BY:** 8<sup>th</sup> District

**SUBJECT:** Change Verbiage for Mandatory Requirements for Zone Appointments to Committees

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** The American Legion, Department of Michigan currently has a requirement, in some committee procedures, to require the committee to be appointed by Zone; and

**WHEREAS,** Years ago this was feasible because the number of experienced candidates willing to serve on the committees was much greater than today; and

**WHEREAS,** Requiring some committees to be Zone appointed might prevent the best candidate from being appointed, simply because of geography; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department Commander should be able to appoint whomever they desire, without regard to geography; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department Executive Committee must approve all appointments and provides any Zone to question appointments or reject appointments if they feel disenfranchised by the appointment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, July 12-14, 2024, that wording requiring mandatory Zone appointments be removed from the Rules of Procedure, currently requiring such wording; and, be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED,** The language 'strongly recommended when possible, but not required, to make Zone appointments' replace the previous wording in the Rules of Procedure.