

2018 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION 5B:

Amend Charter* by simplifying and rationalizing DPCA voting allocations for Country Committees

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Previously submitted as: 2017 Charter Resolution 15B (Voting Allocations)

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Democrats Abroad to grow our membership and to have fair and proportional voting representation of our membership in DPCA;

WHEREAS, DA seeks to improve the democratic representation of our members through greater participation in DPCA leadership;

WHEREAS, all Country Committees should be encouraged to grow their membership and have that growth recognized with the potential to increase their voting representation in DPCA;

WHEREAS, all DPCA voting members deserve to have fair and equal voting representation within the organization;

WHEREAS, every elected DPCA voting member, including CC Chairs and Vice Chairs, should have at least one vote each when participating in DPCA meetings;

WHEREAS, the current voting allocation formula is complicated, unbalanced, and unfairly discriminates against the smallest Country Committees;

WHEREAS, the following simplified voting allocation formula creates a scalable opportunity for many more CCs to potentially increase their voting representation;

WHEREAS, the new formula makes only minor changes to the current number of votes allocated to most Country Committees, as detailed in the following table:

<http://bit.ly/Charter05pctVoteCalc>

* Edited by 2018 SBC for clarity and brevity.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democrats Abroad Charter shall be amended as follows to simplify and make more fair and participatory the voting allocations for DPCA Country Committees:

1. Section 3.6 (Voting) shall read as follows:

- “(a) Votes shall be allocated to Country Committees annually, in accordance with the certification required under Section 5.4(e), calculated as follows:
 - (i) Each certified CC receives one base vote.
 - (ii) Each certified CC shall receive one vote for each one-half a percentage (0.5%), or fraction thereof, of the total Verified Democrats Abroad membership count, for members living in Country Committees.”