

2022 Charter Amendments

Proposal No. 7 - Automate Roll Call

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Purpose: Makes it so no one needs to take political penalty for ensuring democracy.

Affected Sections: Section 3.3

Resolution Text:

WHEREAS, we wish to guarantee democracy within this body,

WHEREAS, no member should face political penalty or threat for wishing to guarantee democracy,

WHEREAS the Democrats Abroad Charter provides for adopting special rules of order in Section 10.1,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Democrats Abroad Charter be amended by adding the following language:

Section 3.3 (Notice and Agenda)

(a) Notice of each meeting, containing the place and time of the meeting and the agenda, shall be sent or given by the International Chair to each DPCA Member not less than forty-five(45) days before the date of the meeting. Any DPCA Voting Member may request the International Chair in writing, not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting, to place additional items on the agenda, and shall simultaneously furnish the text of any resolutions proposed for adoption. The International Chair shall circulate such additional items and proposed resolutions, as well as other resolutions, to DPCA members not less than fifteen (15) days before the meeting. Items may be added to the agenda at the meeting by majority vote of DPCA members present or represented. To the extent not otherwise provided for herein, procedural questions shall be settled in accordance with the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

(b) The International Chair may name a Resolutions Committee for the meeting to review any resolutions presented to the Chair as additional items for the agenda. The duty of the Resolutions Committee shall be to refine the language of proposed resolutions and obtain approval of the refined language from the person(s)/ committee(s) submitting the proposed resolutions and to advise and make recommendations to the DPCA concerning the substance of the resolutions.

[\[\(c\)/\(d\)\] Any non-ballot, non-roll-call vote taken on a main motion in a DPCA Meeting shall automatically be subject to confirmation via a roll call vote should the tally method used result in less than or equal to 1% of the majority needed for the vote to succeed or fail of the body of members voting.](#)