

2025 Proposed Amendments to The Moose General Laws

The following information is a brief summary of the proposed General Law amendments that will be voted upon during the 2025 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In accordance with the General Laws, a copy of the amendments is being sent to each lodge administrator at least 30 days prior to the start of the meeting of the Supreme Lodge for review.

For full, red-lined versions of the proposed changes, please scroll down the homepage of the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) and click the Convention link; then click the Events/ Programs tab at the top of the page to find the General Laws document.

Electronic voting will be open in Milwaukee for all registered delegates of The Moose beginning on Friday, May 23rd at 10:00 pm CT and will close on Sunday, May 25th at 11:59 pm CT. You may vote by computer, tablet or smart phone at www.GeneralLawsVote2025.org or in-person near the Moose Member Center near registration from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on Sunday, May 25th.

Note: There will be a General Laws Workshop on Sunday afternoon, May 25th from 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm at the Baird Center for any member/ delegate having specific questions for the Chief Compliance Officer or the Judiciary Committee.

The following amendments to The Moose General Laws will be voted upon as four separate Categories, meaning you will vote YES to pass all of the amendments within that specific Category, or NO to reject the amendments in that Category. That means there will be four separate votes in which you will choose to approve or reject the amendments, as a group, within each Voting Category.

Voting Category One (includes the following recommended change):

1. In Sec. 50.2, removes the spouse of member as an indefinite qualified guest. New language would specify that all qualified family members, over the age of 21, shall be considered a prospective member and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Voting Category Two (includes the following two (2) recommended changes):

1. In Sec. 36.1, a nominee for Administrator must be an active member of the Lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of appointment/election.
2. In Sec. 52.1, increased dispensation requirement threshold to \$10,000 for sale or purchase of personal property or equipment.

Voting Category Three (includes the following nine (9) recommended changes):

1. Word updates only in Composition of The Moose and Article X.
2. Chapter 7, removal of all information referring to Lodgic Holdings, Inc., as corporation is no longer in existence. Chapter 7 remains, but not in use.
3. In Sec. 24.11, change in the number of days for an appeal to be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Forum from thirty (30) to fifteen (15). Matches Sec. 60.6.
4. In Sec. 33.5, change requirement for Lodge Treasurer to at least six (6) months of active membership immediately preceding the date of election.
5. In Sec. 33.7, further defines prohibited campaigning tactics to include electronic social media (texting, Facebook, etc.).
6. In Sec. 34.1, further defines the position of Junior Past President, as must have served as Governor/President of lodge in which they will serve as Junior Past President.
7. In Sec. 35.15, more clearly defines the process for conferring the honor of Past Lodge President upon a member.
8. In Sec. 36.11, if the Treasurer is performing the duties of Administrator, due to a vacancy, they remain as Treasurer and do not receive the title of Acting Administrator.
9. In Chapter 41, clarifies that Appointed Officers are not part of the Lodge Board of Officers meetings and Executive Sessions.

Voting Category Four (includes the following eleven (11) recommended changes):

1. In Section 42.3, clarifies that a Special Meeting cannot be incorporated into a Lodge General Membership meeting and must be held as a separate meeting, per the date and time on the notice to all active members.
2. In Section 43.4, raises the dispensation requirement threshold to \$10,000 for purchase of personal property or equipment.
3. In Section 44.3, requires an approved dispensation for all lodge community service and charitable fundraising events.
4. In Section 45.2, adds Social Media to the advertising options that must conform to set conditions.
5. In Section 46.2, clarifies the manner in which an Elected Officer would be compensated for services such as, janitorial, landscaping, entertainment, etc.
6. In Section 46.3, clarifies that any member with an approved dispensation that has a condition of obtaining a bond, is personally responsible for obtaining the bond.

7. In Section 46.12, clarifies a lodge may be used as a political polling place, with an approved dispensation and copy of insurance from the local/county election board.
8. New Section 46.21, requiring lodges to provide adequate meeting space for any lodge-affiliated Moose Unit or committee of the lodge. This includes all affiliated Chapters, Moose Legion jurisdictions, Associations or committees.
9. In Section 48.2, adds that a Special Meeting cannot be incorporated into a General Membership Meeting.
10. In Section 48.8, further explains that a suspended member may arrive 5 – 10 minutes prior to an official lodge meeting and must depart lodge property 5 – 10 minutes following the end of the meeting, with no social quarter's privileges.
11. New Section 48.9, provides detail on the approved use of security cameras.