

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 4-6, 1949**

**Resolution No. 59: Amending National Constitution
Origin: Constitution and By-Laws Committee
Submitted By: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, Under the construction that has prevailed for many years at national conventions, all proposed amendments to the Constitution duly circulated as required by Article XVI, Section 2, or to the By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 2, must be adopted or rejected in the exact language as submitted and without the right of the annual convention to consider appropriate or correct modifications; and

WHEREAS, Resolution Register No. 119 was rejected as to form by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and in its place and stead the proposed amendments hereinafter set forth were recommended for adoption; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 4-6, 1949, That the National Constitution and By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any national convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the National Adjutant to the several Departments and members of the National Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next national convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment and it has received the approval of the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any convention without notice.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any national convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the National Adjutant to the several Departments and members of the National Executive Committee by mailing same to them at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next national convention; any such proposed amendment may be amended without further notice by a two-thirds vote of the total authorized representation thereat, provided it does not increase the modification proposed by the amendment and it has received the approval of the Convention Committee on Constitutional Amendments; and, provided further, it may be amended by unanimous vote at any convention without notice.; and be it, finally

RESOLVED, That the National Adjutant circulate said proposed amendments as required by the National Constitution and By-Laws so that they may be considered at the next annual convention