

**The American Legion Department of Arkansas  
Department Convention  
Held on  
June 16 - 18, 2023  
Resolution**

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**Title:** Format for Electronic Meetings of the Department Executive Committee

**Origin:** Post 91, Beebe, Arkansas

**Type:** Department C&B Amendment

**Assigned To:** Constitution and By-Laws Committee

WHEREAS, the Department Executive Committee (DEC) is required to meet at the call of the Department Commander; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the DEC must meet for Special Meetings to conduct business outside of regular scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws do not contain a provision to conduct these Special Meetings using an electronic format; and

WHEREAS, adding a provision to allow the DEC to meet electronically will allow more flexibility to hold Special Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the current twelfth edition of Robert's Rules of Order acknowledge the need and provide specific procedures to adapt By-Laws to accommodate for electronic meetings; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED, by Garner Brothers Post 91, Beebe, during a regular scheduled meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, that the Department Commander and the Department Executive Committee shall have the authority to call and conduct special meetings using an electronic format; and be it further**

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*Resolutions Subcommittee Recommendations*

*Committee/Commission Chairman Signature and Name*

- Approve
- Approve with Amendment
- Reject
- Receive and Record
- Consolidate with \_\_\_\_\_
- Refer to Standing Commission or Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**Action of Department Convention**

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**RESOLVED, that By-Laws Article I shall have inserted a new section as follows:**

**Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Department Executive Committee can be conducted through use of Internet meeting services designated by the Department Commander that support anonymous voting and support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. These electronic meetings of the DEC shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Convention mandate or DEC procedures, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, DEC members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the DEC shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the organization. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.**

**and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, that this provision will take effect at the close of the 2023 Department Convention.**

*Approved by Garner Brothers Post 91, Beebe, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023*