

League of California Cities Resolution Process

REGULAR RESOLUTIONS

Policy Committee Action	General Resolutions Committee Action	Calendar
Approve	Approve	Consent Calendar ¹
Approve	Disapprove or Refer	Regular Calendar ²
Disapprove or Refer	Approve	Regular Calendar
Disapprove or Refer	Disapprove or Refer	Does not proceed to General Assembly

PETITION RESOLUTIONS

Policy Committee Action	General Resolutions Committee Action	Calendar
Not Heard in Policy Committee	Approve	Consent Calendar
Not Heard in Policy Committee	Disapprove or Refer	Regular Calendar
Not Heard in Policy Committee	Disqualified per Bylaws Art. VI	Does not proceed to General Assembly

Resolutions

- Submitted 60 days prior to conference *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 4(a)*
- Signatures of at least 5 supporting cities or city officials submitted with the proposed resolution *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 2*
- Assigned to policy committee(s) by League president *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 4(b)(i)*
- Heard in policy committee(s) and report recommendation, if any, to GRC *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 4(b)(ii)*
- Heard in GRC
 - Approved by policy committee(s) and GRC, goes on to General Assembly on consent calendar *2006 General Assembly Resolution Sec. 2(C)*
 - If amended/approved by all policy committee(s) to which it has been referred and disapproved by GRC, then goes on to General Assembly on the regular calendar. If not all policy committees to which it has been referred recommend amendment or approval, and the GRC disapproves or refers the resolution, the resolution does not move to the General Assembly *2006 General Assembly Resolution Sec. 2(A),(C); 1998 General Assembly Resolution, 1st Resolved Clause*
 - If disapproved by all policy committees to which it has been referred and disapproved by the GRC, resolution does not move to the General Assembly *2006 General Assembly Resolution Sec. 2(C)*
- Heard in General Assembly

¹ The consent calendar should only be used for resolutions where there is unanimity between the policy committees and the GRC that a resolution should be approved by the General Assembly, and therefore, it can be concluded that there will be less desire to debate the resolution on the floor.

² The regular calendar is for resolutions for which there is a difference in recommendations between the policy committees and the GRC.

Petitioned Resolutions

- Submitted by voting delegate *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5 (a)*
- Must be signed by voting delegates representing 10% of the member cities *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5 (c)*
- Signatures confirmed by League staff
- Submitted to the League president for confirmation 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly. *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5 (d)*
- Petition to be reviewed by Parliamentarian for required signatures of voting delegates and for form and substance *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5(e)*
- Parliamentarian's report is presented to chair of GRC
- Will be heard at GRC for action (GRC cannot amend but may recommend by a majority vote to the GA technical or clarifying amendments) *2006 General Assembly Resolution sec. 6(A), (B)*
- GRC may disqualify if:
 - Non-germane to city issues
 - Identical or substantially similar in substance to a resolution already under consideration *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5(e), (f)*
- Heard in General Assembly
 - General Assembly will consider the resolution following the other resolutions³ *Bylaws Article VI, Sec. 5(g)*
 - Substantive amendments that change the intent of the petitioned resolution may only be adopted by the GA *2006 General Assembly Resolution sec. 6(C)*

Voting Procedure in the General Assembly

Consent Calendar: Resolution approved by Policy Committee(s) and GRC. Petitioned resolution approved by GRC)

- GRC Chair will be asked to give the report from the GRC and will ask for adoption of the GRC's recommendations
- Ask delegates if there is a desire to call out a resolution for discussion
- A voting delegate may make a motion to remove a resolution from the consent calendar for discussion
- If a motion is made to pull a resolution, the General Assembly votes on whether to pull the resolution from the consent calendar.
- If a majority of the General Assembly votes to pull the resolution, set "called out" reso(s) aside. If the motion fails, the resolution remains on the consent calendar.
- If reso(s) not called out, or after 'called out' reso is set aside, then ask for vote on remaining resos left on consent
- Move on to debate on reso(s) called out
- After debate, a vote is taken
- Voting delegates vote on resolutions by raising their voting cards.⁴

³ Petitioned Resolutions on the Consent Calendar will be placed after all General Resolutions on the Consent Calendar. Petitioned Resolutions on the Regular Calendar will be placed after all General Resolutions on the Regular Calendar.

⁴ Amendments to League bylaws require 2/3 vote

Regular Calendar: Regular resolutions approved by Policy Committee(s)⁵, and GRC recommends disapproval or referral; Regular resolutions disapproved or referred by Policy Committee(s)⁶ and GRC approves; Petitioned resolutions disapproved or referred by the GRC.

- Open the floor to determine if a voting delegate wishes to debate a resolution on the regular calendar.
- If no voting delegate requests a debate on the resolution, a vote to ratify the recommendation of the GRC on the resolution is taken.
- Upon a motion by a voting delegate to debate a resolution, a debate shall be held if approved by a majority vote of the General Assembly. If a majority of the General Assembly to debate the resolution is not achieved, then a vote shall be taken on whether to ratify the GRC's recommendation. If a majority of the General Assembly approves of the motion to debate the resolution, debate will occur. After debate on the resolution, a vote is taken based upon the substitute motion that was made, if any, or on the question of ratifying the GRC's recommendation.
- Voting delegates vote by raising their voting cards.

⁵ Applies in the instance where the GRC recommendation of disapproval or refer is counter to the recommendations of the policy committees.

⁶ Applies in the instance where the GRC recommendation to approve is counter to the recommendations of the policy committees.