



Constitution Committee

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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**Annual Meeting of the Florida 4-H State Council
2025**



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Constitution 01 –

Adding authority of Constitution Committee.

Constitution 02 –

$\frac{2}{3}$ majority required to elect the President.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSALS

Bylaws 01 –

Adding governing language of the Constitution Review Committee to the Bylaws of the Constitution.

Bylaws 02 –

Changing the Parliamentary Procedure of the Florida 4-H Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS

Administrative Amendment 01 –

Removing Judicial Procedures from the Constitution. *

Administrative Amendment 02 –

Changing all references to the “Constitution and 4-H Day at the Capitol Committee” to “Constitution Committee.” *

Administrative Amendment 03 –

Recognizing the authority of state 4-H policy to provide disciplinary oversight of the State Council and the Executive Board. *

**These amendments were enacted at the direction of the Adult Rules Committee without a vote by the Florida 4-H State Council. As such, it is classified as an Administrative Amendment. While not subject to Council approval, it is included here for transparency and record-keeping purposes.*

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): Foster, William B.	Submission Date: 07/07/2025
County: Hamilton	Reference Number: Constitution 01

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Amendment to the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Constitution Article VII

Section 2. Original Wording

“Section 1. A proposed amendment becomes Constitutional upon vote of two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the officially seated voting delegates.

Section 2. Before action can be taken on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the proposed amendment must have been read at the previous Council meeting and/or distributed in writing to council delegates at least two weeks prior to the next council meeting and will have been presented to the chairperson of the Constitution and 4-H Day at the Capitol Committee before the proposed amendment’s first reading and/or distribution.

Section 3. A proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Constitution becomes a bylaw upon a majority of the votes cast by the officially seated voting delegates.

Section 4. Before action can be taken on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Constitution, the proposed amendment must have been read at the previous Council meeting and/or distributed in writing to council delegates at least two weeks prior to the next council meeting and will have been presented to the chairperson of the Constitution and 4-H Day at the Capitol Committee before the proposed amendment’s first reading and/or distribution.”

Section 3. New Wording

Keep all sections of Article VII; add one section; re-number all subsequent sections accordingly.

“Section 1. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws must be submitted to the Constitution Committee.”

This amendment shall take effect upon passage.

END AMENDMENT

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): Foster, William B.	Submission Date: 07/07/2025
County: Hamilton	Reference Number: Constitution 02

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Amendment to the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Constitution Article IV Section 2 Subsection b

Section 2. Current Wording

b. To be elected to an office, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast.

Section 3. New Wording

Reword subsection b; add one new subsection following it; re-number all subsequent subsections accordingly.

b. To be elected president, a candidate must receive at least two-thirds of all votes cast. If no candidate achieves this threshold after two voting rounds, the candidate with a simple majority in the second round shall be elected.

c. To be elected to any office other than president, a candidate must receive a simple majority of all votes cast.

This amendment shall take effect upon passage.

END AMENDMENT

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): Foster, William B	Submission Date: 07/07/2025
County: Hamilton	Reference Number: Bylaws 01

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Amendment to the Bylaws of the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Bylaws Article III Section 6

Section 2. Current Wording

“Section 6. The Constitution Committee shall provide a continuing review of the Constitution and Bylaws while recommending necessary and appropriate revisions.”

Section 3. New Wording

Section 6. Constitution Committee

- a. The Constitution Committee shall review the Florida 4-H State Council Constitution and Bylaws for clarity, consistency, and alignment with Florida 4-H policies and procedures. In addition, the Committee shall:
 - i. Accept and consider amendment proposals submitted by 4-H members pertinent to the Council;
 - ii. Edit proposed amendments to ensure proper formatting and readability;
 - iii. Determine whether submitted proposals are appropriate for full Council consideration;
 - iv. Refer qualified amendments to the Council for debate and final vote in accordance with Article VII of the Constitution.
- b. The Committee may be composed of up to twelve (12) members of the State Executive Board, including the Chair.

This amendment shall take effect upon passage.

END AMENDMENT

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): Taylor, Lane	Submission Date: 07/03/2025
County: Marion	Reference Number: Bylaws 02

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Amendment to Bylaws of the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Article V

Section 2. Current Wording

ARTICLE V

Parliamentary Procedure

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority on all points of Parliamentary Procedure not otherwise specified in this Constitution or in the standing rules of the Council.

Section 3. New Wording

ARTICLE V

Parliamentary Authority

The most recent edition of The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the authority on all points of Parliamentary Procedure not otherwise specified in this Constitution or in the standing rules of the Council.

This amendment shall take effect upon passage.

END AMENDMENT

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): State Staff	Submission Date: 07/10/2025
County: State Headquarters	Reference Number: Administrative Amendment 01

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Administrative Amendment to the Bylaws of the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Constitution Article V

Section 2. Original Wording

Section 1. Disciplinary actions shall be taken against any individual not adhering to the established regulations or exhibiting inappropriate behavior while functioning as a representative of the Florida 4-H Council.

Section 2. Should a State 4-H Council member or Executive Board member exhibit inappropriate behavior while attending a state 4-H event, he/she may be referred to a disciplinary committee.

Section 3. Any decision made by this committee may be appealed to the Dean of 4-H within thirty days of notification of the committee's decision.

Section 4. Any State 4-H Council executive officer whose behavior while functioning as a State Council representative causes him or her to be brought before the disciplinary committee, may be removed from office. This decision is left to the president and State Council advisor.

Section 3. New Wording

Strike article in its entirety; re-number all subsequent articles.

This amendment shall take effect upon final adjournment of the State Council at the 2025 Florida 4-H University.

END AMENDMENT

**NOT FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
AMENDMENT IN PLACE AS OF 07/10/2025**

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): Foster, William B.	Submission Date: 07/07/2025
County: Hamilton	Reference Number: Administrative Amendment 02

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Amendment to the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Constitution as a whole

Section 2. Original Wording

“Constitution and 4-H Day at the Capitol Committee”

Section 3. New Wording

Strike all mentions; Replace with

“Constitution Committee”

This amendment shall take effect upon final adjournment of the State Council at the 2025 Florida 4-H University.

END AMENDMENT

**NOT FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION; INCLUDED FOR
TRANSPARENCY & RECORD KEEPING PURPOSES**

FLORIDA 4-H STATE COUNCIL

Sponsor(s): State Staff	Submission Date: 07/10/2025
County: State Headquarters	Reference Number: Administrative Amendment 03

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H State Council
An Administrative Amendment to the Bylaws of the Constitution

Section 1. Affected Section of Document

Bylaws Article IV

Section 2. Original Wording

Section 1. The review board shall consist of: (1) The state advisor to the Council (2) Two present adult leaders (3) Two Executive Board members (4) The current council president and one executive officer.

Section 2. The disciplinary committee shall be appointed by the President and State Council advisor.

Section 3. New Wording

Section 1. All matters of discipline, conduct, or removal concerning officers of the Florida 4-H State Council or State Executive Board members shall be handled in accordance with state 4-H policy.

Section 2. Article IV of the Bylaws shall not be amended or revised by any future act of the Council.

This amendment shall take effect upon final adjournment of the State Council at the 2025 Florida 4-H University.

END AMENDMENT

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