

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The following proposed amendments to the PEF constitution were approved by the PEF Executive Board at its June 30, 2015, meeting for presentation to the delegates of the PEF 2015 Convention.

The first proposed amendment was submitted by an Executive Board member. It entails a change to Article V of the constitution relative to the definition of retirees as members.

The second proposed amendment is to Article IX. It was submitted by an Executive Board member and amended by the board. It would change the percentage of required member signatures on petitions for candidate nomination. (*Text in brackets would be deleted. Underlined text would be added.*)

Amendment 1 –

Article V – Membership (B)

B. Categories of Membership

3. Retired membership shall be open to all those retirees who were employees of the State of New York [State], or non-New York State employers, in bargaining units represented by PEF [and who are members of the New York State Retirement System]. Said members shall not be eligible to vote.

Amendment 2 –

Article IX – Nominations (B)

B. Subsequent Nominations

1. Nominations for all subsequent elections shall require a petition signed by [10] 5 percent of the membership of the appropriate constituency, except for trustees which shall require 1 percent.