

Resolution 7. Voting Constituency of District Councils (substitute)

1. WHEREAS, The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a voluntary cooperative
2. fellowship; and
3. WHEREAS, The individual districts of The General Council of the Assemblies of God are an
4. affirmation of the intent to facilitate geographical and ethnolinguistic
5. empowerment and decision-making; and
6. WHEREAS, District meetings are an expression of the “grassroots nature” of the Fellowship
7. through the election of leaders and a deliberative process of decision-making; and
8. WHEREAS, The needs of districts are different from the needs of the General Council; and
9. WHEREAS, It is vital to make every effort to affirm the minister’s relationship to the greater
10. body; and
11. WHEREAS, The engagement of ministers from a diverse set of ministry callings is what
12. provides strength to district meetings; and
13. WHEREAS, Many ministers are currently unable to attend and have a desire to participate in
14. district meetings, such as currently deployed Assemblies of God U.S. Missions and
15. Assemblies of God World Missions missionaries; and
16. WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS, PRESBYTERS,
17. EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM, Section 10. Meetings, grants the Executive
18. Presbytery and certain committees the option to consider voting members as present
19. when they participate “through the use of a conference telephone or other
20. communications device” but the Bylaws do not provide a similar option for other
21. groups, such as district councils in session; and
22. WHEREAS, District Councils desiring the option to permit voters to participate remotely are
23. further restricted from doing so in General Council Bylaws, Article V. DISTRICT
24. COUNCILS, Section 4. Voting Constituency; therefore, be it
25. RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 4.

26. Voting Constituency, page 149, which reads:

1. The voting constituency shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers, and
2. accredited delegates from affiliated churches, and such other persons as may be
3. prescribed by the district constitution and bylaws, who are present and
4. registered at district meetings.
5. Be amended to read:
6. The voting constituency shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers, and
7. accredited delegates from affiliated churches, and such other persons as may be
8. prescribed by the district constitution and bylaws, who are
9. registered for district meetings and meet the district's requirements for
10. participation in that meeting.

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