

# How to Format a JWV Constitution + Bylaws Amendment

1. Indicate what is to be amended - include the article and section information.
2. Who is submitting this amendment? Include their name and their department.
3. Show how the article appears now in the Constitution or Bylaws.
4. Show the changes you are proposing:
  - Put a strike line through the words that will be deleted.
  - Underline all new words that are being added.
5. Provide a rationale or explanation for your amendment.
6. Send your proposed amendments to Christy Turner at [cturner@jwv.org](mailto:cturner@jwv.org) no later than Friday, June 21.

## Example

### **1. By-Laws Article II: Per Capita Tax, Dues, and Indebtedness, Section 1(c)**

2. *Submitted by Barry Lischinsky, Dept. of MA*

#### **3. As it appears now:**

**Section 1(c).** No per capita tax or dues need be paid for any member who has been released from active duty with the armed forces of the United States of America, in and during the fiscal year of such release. Provided, however, that such member has been released from active duty after April 1st, per capita tax shall be paid for such member for the subsequent following fiscal year. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all members of the armed forces eligible for membership.

#### **4. Proposed Change:**

**Section 1(c).** No per capita tax or dues need be paid for any member who has been released from active duty with the armed forces of the United States of America, ~~in and during the fiscal year of such release. Provided, however, that such member has been released from active duty after April 1st, per capita tax shall be paid for such member for the subsequent following fiscal year.~~ for the period of two (2) years following the release date of active duty. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all members of the armed forces eligible for membership.

#### **5. Rationale for the Change:**

1. The current By-Law does not allow the discharged active duty member with a sufficient period of time to reconstitute personal life priorities.
2. Life priorities include such as family, health, spiritual, education, employment, financial, etc.
3. The two (2) year period will provide the discharged member a greater opportunity to focus on life priorities.
4. This change will provide a positive impact of retaining the active duty member at the release of their military date of discharge.
5. Another benefit of joining JWV USA.