

Norris EC-8
Moved: Mr. Norris
Seconded: Mr. Williams

MOVED: Upon review and advice of ARRL's Connecticut Corporate Counsel Day Pitney, and from review and revision of the existing ARRL Articles of Association and Bylaws by the working group of the Executive Committee; therefore, be it known that By Law 24 is hereby amended as follows:

24. As authorized by Article 7 of the Articles of Association, members of a Division may petition for recall of the Director or Vice Director of their Division. Any League member may give notice of proposed recall by mailing to the Secretary by certified mail a letter to that effect. Acknowledgement of a request for recall will be communicated by the Secretary only to Officers, the Director and Vice Director of the Division concerned, the sender and the Ethics and Elections Committee. The recall petition may not be presented to the Secretary earlier than 180 days after the commencement of the Director or Vice Director's current term of office, nor later than June 1st of the final year of that term of office. The recall petition must not be submitted to the Secretary later than 75 days after the mailing of the notice of recall. A valid petition, which shall be in a form and format acceptable to the Secretary, shall not contain untrue or misleading statements. The petition shall be accompanied by a concise statement of the reasons for filing the petition. It must contain dated signatures obtained on or after the date of mailing of the notice to the Secretary of not less than 10 percent of the number of Full members voting in the election at which the subject Director or Vice Director was elected, or not less than 10 percent of the Full members resident in the Division on the preceding December 31st if the Director or Vice Director was elected without membership balloting. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall determine that the petition is valid, is in proper form and format, and the concise statement of reasons does not contain any false or misleading statements. Upon such finding, the Secretary shall within 30 days, prepare and mail a ballot, including the concise statement of reasons, and asking the single question, either "Shall the Director be recalled, yes or no." Or, "Shall the Vice Director be recalled, yes or no." Such ballots must be received by the Secretary within 45 days of mailing. If a majority of the votes cast are for recall, then the office of Director or Vice Director shall be declared vacant. No Director or Vice Director shall be subject to more than one recall election during a single term in office. A person removed from office by recall shall not be eligible to be a candidate for Director or Vice Director for three years following removal from office.

Rationale: This motion redefines the terms of a recall and establishes a new timeline allowing a minimum of approximately 6 months for a Director to serve before being subject to a recall from the membership. This motion also requires that the recall petition be of a form and format suitable to the Secretary, and requires that the petition shall not contain untrue or misleading statements and requires a statement of reasons for the recall. The motion also establishes a timeline for the recall balloting process.

Cost: Minimum IT time to update website which can be performed as routine maintenance.