

**CONSTITUTION
GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Article VI, Proposals to the National Council

1. Proposals directed toward the fostering and improvement of Girl Scouting that are to be acted upon by the National Council may be originated (a) by the National Board of Directors and (b) by local councils. Proposals shall be submitted according to the following procedures:
 - a. Proposals originated by the National Board of Directors: (1) such proposals shall be sent to local councils for consideration prior to the next session of the National Council, together with the recommendations of the National Board of Directors; (2) action shall be taken on such proposals by the National Council at its next session.
 - b. Proposals originated by local councils: (1) such proposals shall be sent to the National Board of Directors by such date as shall be determined by the National Board of Directors; (2) the National Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether such proposals relate to matters which should properly be acted upon by the National Council, except that a proposal submitted by **a minimum of 15 percent of all Girl Scout councils holding a charter issued by the National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. as of September 30 of the year preceding the regular session of the National Council** shall be determined by the National Board of Directors to relate to matters which should properly be acted upon by the National Council; (3) proposals which the National Board determines relate to matters which should properly be acted upon by the National Council shall be sent to local councils for consideration prior to the next session of the National Council, together with the recommendations of the National Board of Directors; (4) action shall be taken on such proposals by the National Council at its next session.
2. Any proposal involving a constitutional amendment shall be governed by the provisions of the article on amendments. *[See Article XVII]*

Article XVII, Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any session of the National Council, provided that the National Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall have deemed the proposed amendment appropriate as an amendment and provided that it shall have been included in the call of the session together with the National Board's recommendation thereon. An amendment to an amendment properly before any session of the National Council may be made by a majority vote of those present and voting in accordance with the rules governing the session, provided the proposed amendment thereto does not alter the intent or increase the scope of the amendment acted upon by the National Board of Directors.