

Democratic Rural Conference
Resolution and By Law Amendment Proposal Process

Rationale:

Responding to membership feedback asking for the DRC to take a leading role in advocating the needs for rural counties, the DRC leadership welcomes its members to prepare, propose, petition and introduce resolutions to be considered at the Democratic Rural Conference each April in order to guide the DRC Agenda.

Process and Deadlines:

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Action	Deadline
Prepare and propose resolution or DRC By Law Amendment <i>Members are invited to prepare resolutions to address political issues of concern, including calls for legislative action or affirmation of political action. Members are invited to propose By Law Amendments</i>	On-going after conference until following year on March 15
Petition for support <i>All proposals must be formally presented. The person sponsoring the resolution or by law amendment must be identified by name, affiliation and address. Only proposals that are co-sponsored by 15 County Chairs or State Committee Members will be accepted for consideration at the conference.</i>	February 15-March 14
Submit for conference <i>Via email to the DRC Secretary</i>	March 15
Published to DRC members who are current with dues and registered for the DRC event <i>Organized by topics to be taken up in committees at the conference. Resolution Caucuses will be presided over by members of the DRC Board. Resolution Caucuses: Legislative Advocacy- State Legislative Advocacy- Federal By Laws (in accordance with processes in current by-laws)</i>	March 30
Adopt as part of the DRC Agenda <i>All proposals will be considered in committee meetings. Only those proposals that are recommended for action by the plenary body through majority affirmation in committee meetings will be presented to the entire membership for consideration. Adoption of resolution by the entire membership will be by majority vote from the floor of the plenary session.</i>	April at Conference

Forms:

- Resolution Proposal Form *forthcoming for publication to website*
- By Law Amendment Proposal Form *forthcoming for publication to website*

Outcome:

- Adopted resolutions will be published and distributed to relevant law makers in order to make clear the needs and hopes of rural democrats.
- Adopted amendments will be added to the by-laws.