

## Current Section 1.05:

**(b) Discussion Period Required** - Any vote required by this Covenant must be preceded by Discussion Period that must last a minimum of 48-hours. During the discussion period, the voting members of the Electorate are free to ask any questions they may have, state any concerns or opinions, or ask to see other details which may be available to permit the Electorate to decide their vote. The Grand Master, Justicar or other member moving for the vote, as the case may be, must provide the requested information and answer questions where possible. At any time after the initial 48 hours, the Grand Master or Justicar may—but is not required to—call for the vote, at which time discussion does not end, but votes may be entered. Votes that are not received within 48 hours of the call for votes are considered to be abstentions.

**(d) Vote Tallies, Abstention** – Except to establish quorum, unfilled positions are not tallied in the voting totals in any fashion. If a position is empty, the total number of votes needed to pass a measure is reduced proportionally by one. Members of the Electorate are free to abstain from voting. As to unit leaders, if the member in charge of the unit chooses to abstain under this provision, the second-in-command may vote if they are otherwise eligible. Should a member abstain from voting, the required number of votes to pass the measure is reduced proportionally by one. Any fractional number of votes required for a measure to pass will be rounded up to the next whole number. Any reference in the Covenant to a “majority” vote means a simple majority that exceeds 50% of the vote.

## Proposed Amendment(s):

**(b) Discussion Period Required** - Any vote required by this Covenant must be preceded by Discussion Period that must last a minimum of 48-hours. During the discussion period, the voting members of the Electorate are free to ask any questions they may have, state any concerns or opinions, or ask to see other details which may be available to permit the Electorate to decide their vote. The Grand Master, Justicar or other member moving for the vote, as the case may be, must provide the requested information and answer questions where possible. At any time after the initial 48 hours, the Grand Master or Justicar may—but is not required to—call for the vote, at which time discussion does not end, but votes may be entered. Votes that are not received within 48 hours of the call for votes are considered to be abstentions, **except that the vote deadline shall be automatically extended by 24 hours for an eligible second-in-command to vote on behalf of their unit. Under no circumstances shall a vote of the Electorate extend beyond a total of 72 hours from the call for a vote.**

**(d) Vote Tallies, Abstention** –Except to establish quorum, unfilled positions are not tallied in the voting totals in any fashion. If a position is empty, **for purposes of voting, the Electorate size** is reduced proportionally by one. Members of the Electorate are free to abstain from voting. As to unit leaders, if the member in charge of the unit chooses to abstain under this provision, the second-in-command may vote if they are otherwise eligible. Should a member **of the Electorate, and as to units the second-in-command,** abstain from voting, the **Electorate size** is reduced proportionally by one. **Nothing in this subsection shall reduce the required vote threshold in relation to the effective size of the Electorate for any vote.** Any fractional number of votes required for a measure to pass will be rounded up to the next whole number. Any reference in the Covenant to a “majority” vote means a simple majority that exceeds 50% of the vote.