

League of Independent Nations

Term Lengths Act

Proposed to the LIN Assembly on March 12, 2022

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Body

§1 Citation

This act may be referred to:

1. Term Lengths Act as its full name.

§2 Background

1. The current term length for the Mediator General is six months, the current term length for the Head Chairman is two years, and the chairmen of the court have an unlimited term length. Two years is too long and unlimited is dangerous. It discourages delegates from seeking leadership positions because the likelihood of them ever having the opportunity to lead our alliance is slim to none. The result is a lack of interest in serving and a lack of fresh ideas.
    a. A six-month term length means more elections and greater opportunity for new ideas in leadership.
    b. A six-month term schedule works incredibly well in other micronational organizations and ensures that there are always fresh leaders with fresh ideas. It's incredibly easy for an organization's leadership to get stagnant or complacent when they have two years in office, especially in an organization like ours.
2. The Assembly should also confirm appointments to the Court. Under the current system, the Chairmen of the Court are unilaterally appointed by the Head Chairman and cannot be removed by the Assembly. This Act requires the Chairmen of the Court to be nominated by the Head Chairman but approved by the Assembly. The Assembly should have the ability to choose who gets the final vote in Assembly matters.

3. The Mediator General currently has a six-month term length. Since the duties of the Mediator General are purely secretarial and they hold very few leadership or decision-making powers, it doesn't make a lot of sense to elect this person so often. This Act proposes a system where the Mediator General is re-approved by assembly before the end of their term and only holds an election if the Assembly loses confidence in the current Mediator General or if the position becomes vacant.

§3 Term Lengths

1. Head Chairman
   a. The Head Chairman shall be elected every six months, with terms beginning on March 12 and September 12.

2. Chairmen of the Court
   a. The chairmen of the court are nominated by the Head Chairman and approved by the Assembly.
   b. The chairmen of the court must be nominated and approved at the start of each Head Chairman term.

3. Mediator General
   a. The Mediator General must be approved by the Assembly every six months, with a poll ending one month before the end of the current term.
      i. Terms for Mediator General begin on April 7 and October 7.
      ii. If the vote results in an approval rating of less than fifty percent or if the position becomes vacant, an election season will immediately begin. Otherwise, the incumbent will remain in the position.