



DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUSPENSION POLICY

Requests for the suspension of a district governor may be brought for failure to fulfill or perform the duties of a district governor and/or the alleged serious violation of a provision of the International, Multiple and/or District Constitution and By-Laws or policy of the International Board of Directors and is of such a nature that it greatly diminishes the ability of the district governor to effectively lead the district. District Governor suspension is a temporary suspension of the rights, privileges and obligations of a district governor.

- a. In the exceptional event that it is necessary to take immediate action in order to prevent harm to members of the association or to the public, to preserve the image of the association or for serious violations of the International Constitution and By-Laws or policy of the International Board of Directors and is of such a nature that it greatly diminishes the ability of the district governor to effectively lead the district, a district governor may be placed on temporary suspension by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, in consultation with the General Counsel. The temporary suspension of the district governor shall be reviewed by the International Board of Directors at the succeeding meeting of the International Board of Directors or earlier as provided herein.
- b. A written request for review under this policy may be filed with the Legal Division by a Lions club in good standing within the association. The request must be accompanied by a resolution of support for filing this request by a majority of the clubs, in good standing, in the district. The request will be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors under the following terms and conditions:
 - (1) There is no pending dispute resolution procedure or litigation filed in a court over substantially the same issues raised in the complaint concerning the same district governor.
 - (2) A copy of the complaint stating the reasons for the complaint and any supporting documentation must accompany the initial request.
 - (3) A response to the complaint and any supporting documentation from the district governor must be received in writing by the Legal Division within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the initial complaint.
 - (4) The complaining clubs and the district governor is responsible for furnishing a copy of the complaint/response and any supporting documentation to the other party at the same time and by the same method of communication to the Legal Division.
 - (5) All documentation should be delivered to the Legal Division at the International Office for distribution to the members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors.

- (6) Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee or the International Board of Directors upon a showing of good cause.
- (7) The suspension request, and all written arguments or documents that each party has provided, will be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors and, within thirty (30) days of its meeting, issue a written decision regarding the suspension. The International Board of Directors' Decision will be final and binding on all parties.
- (8) A request for a review under this policy may also be made by a member of the International Board of Directors (or its designee) with the approval of the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
- (9) The Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the International Board of Directors may reject any complaint that fails to comply with the procedures outlined herein or which lacks substantial evidence of wrongdoing.

In the event a district governor is suspended under this policy, such suspension shall be reviewed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the International Board of Directors at each board meeting during which the district governor is suspended unless:

- (1) The suspension is followed by a removal of the district governor by the International Board of Directors in accordance with the International Constitution and By-Laws;
- (2) The suspension is followed by a removal of the district governor from the association by his or her club;
- (3) The district governor resigns his or her position; or
- (4) The district governor's term in office expired.

Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede the removal provision provided in Article V, Section 9 of the International Constitution.