

CONSTITUTION of the ROTARY CLUB OF FORT WORTH

ARTICLE I Definitions

As used in this constitution, unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the words in this article shall have the following meanings:

- 1) Board: The Board of Directors of this club
- 2) Bylaws: The bylaws of this club.
- 3) Director: A member of this club's Board of Directors.
- 4) Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.
- 5) RI: Rotary International.
- 6) Year: The twelve-month period which begins on 1 July.

ARTICLE II Name

The name of this organization shall be Rotary Club of Fort Worth, Texas, (a Member of Rotary International).

ARTICLE III Locality and Club

The locality of this organization shall be as follows: Fort Worth, Texas, except that territory north of Belknap Street and north of White Settlement Road; and except that territory lying west of the Trinity River, and between West Vickery Boulevard on the south and White Settlement Road on the north, and except that territory lying in the eastern part of Fort Worth bounded by the

Trinity River on the north, Riverside Drive on the west, out Mansfield Highway to the city limits on the south, and the city limits on the east; and except that territory on the south side of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, bounded on the north by both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue, east to Jennings Avenue, thence east on Hattie Street to Riverside Drive; thence south on Riverside Drive to Seminary Drive; thence west on Seminary Drive to North-South Expressway; thence south to city limits; bounded on the south by the city limits, and bounded on the west by Clear Fork, Trinity River, northeast to University Avenue, thence north of West Vickery Boulevard thence northeast to Pennsylvania Avenue, subject to the condition that this club retains the right to admit members from said excepted territory in accordance with the provision of Article I, Section 1 (e) of the By-Laws of Rotary International. (NOTE: These territorial limits are understood to include the immediate tributary rural territory for which the community in which the club is located is the principal banking, trading and shipping center.)

ARTICLE IV Object

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ARTICLE V

Five Avenues of Service

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary Club.

- 1) Club Service, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
- 2) Vocational Service, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in business and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles.
- 3) Community Service, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
- 4) International Service, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- 5) Youth Service, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

SECTION 1 - Regular Meetings

This club shall meet regularly once each week on the day and at the time provided in the by-laws, provided that in an emergency, or for good cause, the board of directors of the club may change the regular meeting of any week to a different day of the same week or to a different hour of the regular day, or to a different place, or cancel the regular meeting of any week when it falls on a legal holiday, or because of the death of the club president or an epidemic or a disaster affecting the entire community. The board of directors of this club, at its discretion, may cancel not more than four regular meetings in any one Rotary year for causes not otherwise specified herein provided always that the club should not fail to meet for more than three consecutive meetings.

SECTION 2 - Annual Meeting

An annual meeting for the election of officers of this club shall be held not later than the thirty-first day of December in each year as provided in the by-laws of this club.

ARTICLE VII

Membership

SECTION 1 - General Qualifications

This club shall be composed of adult persons of good character and good business or professional and/or community reputation.

SECTION 2 - Kinds

This club shall have two kinds of membership, namely: active and honorary.

SECTION 3 - Active Membership

A person possessing the qualifications set forth in article 5, section 2 of the RI Constitution may be elected to active membership in this club.

SECTION 4 - Transferring or Former Rotarians

(a) *Potential Members.* A member may propose to active membership a transferring member or former member of a club. The transferring or former member of a club being proposed to active membership under this section may also be proposed by the former club. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the classification limits. Potential members of this club who are current or former members of another club who have debts to the other club are ineligible for membership in this club. The club should demand that a potential member present written proof that no money is owed to the other club. The admission of a transferring or former Rotarian as an active member pursuant to this section shall be contingent upon receiving a certificate from the board of the previous club confirming the prospective member's prior membership in that club. Transferring or former members changing clubs should be asked to bring a letter of recommendation from their previous club.

(b) *Current or Former Members.* This club shall provide a statement whether money is owed to this club when requested by another club with respect to a current or former member of this club being considered for membership in the other club. If such a statement is not provided within 30 days of being requested, it shall be assumed that the member does not owe any money to this club.

SECTION 5 - Dual Membership

No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this and another club. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership and honorary membership in this club. No person shall simultaneously hold active membership in this club and membership in a Rotaract club.

SECTION 6 - Honorary Membership

(a) *Eligibility for Honorary Membership.* Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. The term of such membership shall be as determined by the board. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

(b) *Rights and Privileges.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

SECTION 7 - Holders of Public Office

Persons elected or appointed to public office for a specified time only shall not be eligible to active membership in this club under the classification of such office. This shall not apply to persons holding a position or office in schools, colleges, or other institutions of learning or to persons who are elected or appointed to the judiciary.

An active member in this club who is elected or appointed to public office for a specified period may during the period in which such member holds such office continue as such active member

in the club under the classification represented immediately prior to such election or appointment.

SECTION 8 - Rotary International Employment

This club may retain in its membership any member thereof who enters the employment of Rotary International.

ARTICLE VIII Classifications

SECTION 1 – General Provisions

- (a) *Principal Activity.* Each member shall be classified in accordance with the member's business, profession, or type of community service. The classification shall be that which describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company, or institution with which the member is connected or that which describes the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity or that which describes the nature of the member's community service activity.
- (b) *Correction or Adjustment.* If the circumstances warrant, the board may correct or adjust the classification of any member. Notice of a proposed correction or adjustment shall be provided to the member and the member shall be allowed a hearing thereon.

SECTION 2 – Limitations

This club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case, the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a

classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, or a Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board of directors of RI, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.-

ARTICLE IX Attendance

SECTION 1 - General Provisions

Each member should attend this club's regular meetings, or satellite club's regular meetings if provided in the bylaws, and engage in this club's service projects, other events and activities. A member shall be counted as attending a regular meeting if the member is present for at least 60 percent of the meeting, or is present and is called away unexpectedly and subsequently produces evidence to the satisfaction of the board that such action was reasonable, or makes up for an absence in any of the following ways:

- (a) *14 Days Before or After the Meeting.* If, within fourteen (14) days before or after the regular time for that meeting, the member
- (1) Attends at least 60 percent of the regular meeting of another club, of a satellite club meeting of another club, or of a provisional club; or
 - (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or
 - (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, a Rotary institute for past, present, and incoming officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI or the

president of RI acting on behalf of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district training assembly, any district meeting held by direction of the board of directors of RI, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced intercity meeting of Rotary clubs; or

(4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting or satellite club meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at that time or place; or

(5) attends and participates in a club service project or a club-sponsored community event or meeting authorized by the board; or

(6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or

(7) participates through a club website in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation.

When a member is outside the member's country of residence for more than fourteen (14) days, the time restriction shall not be imposed so that the member may attend regular meetings or satellite club meetings in another country at any time during the travel period, and each such attendance shall count as a valid make-up for any regular meeting missed during the member's time abroad.

(b) *At the Time of the Meeting.* If, at the time of the meeting, the member is

(1) traveling with reasonable directness to or from one of the meetings specified in sub-subsection (a)(3) of this section; or

(2) serving as an officer or member of a committee of RI, or a trustee of The Rotary Foundation; or

(3) serving as the special representative of the district governor in the formation of a new club; or

(4) on Rotary business in the employ of RI; or

(5) directly and actively engaged in a district-sponsored or RI- or Rotary Foundation-sponsored service project in a remote area where making up attendance is impossible; or

(6) engaged in Rotary business duly authorized by the board which precludes attendance at the meeting.

SECTION 2 - Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment

If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the regular meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.

SECTION 3 - Excused Absences

A member's absence shall be excused if:

(a) The absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months. However, if the leave is for a medical reason that extends for more than twelve months such leave may be renewed by the board for a period of time beyond the original twelve months.

(b) The aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

SECTION 4 - RI Officers' Absences

A member's absence shall be excused if the member is a current officer of RI or a Rotarian partner of a current officer of RI.

SECTION 5 - Attendance Records

When a member whose absences are excused under the provision of subsection 3(a) of this article fails to attend a club meeting, the member and the member's absence shall not be included in the attendance records. In the event that a member whose absences are excused under the provisions of subsection 3(b) or section 4 of this article attends a club meeting, the member and the member's attendance shall be included in the membership and attendance figures used to compute this club's attendance.

ARTICLE X

Directors and Officers

SECTION 1 - Governing Body

The governing body of this club shall be a board of directors to be constituted as the by-laws of the club may provide.

SECTION 2 – Authority

The board shall have general control over all officers and committees and, for good cause, may declare any office vacant.

SECTION 3 - Board Action Final

The decision of the board in all club matters is final, subject only to an appeal to the club. However, as to a decision to terminate membership, a member, pursuant to article 12, section 6, may appeal to the club, request mediation, or request arbitration. If appealed, a decision of the board shall be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a regular meeting specified by the board, provided a quorum is present and notice of the appeal has been given by the secretary to each member at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. If an appeal is taken, the action taken by the club shall be final.

SECTION 4 – Officers

The club officers shall be a president, the immediate past president, a president-elect, and a secretary, and may include one or more vice-presidents, all of whom shall be members of the board. The club officers shall also include a treasurer and may include a sergeant-at-arms, all of whom may be members of the board as the by-laws shall provide.

SECTION 5 - Election of Officers

Each officer shall be elected as provided in the by-laws of the club and, except as may otherwise be provided in relation to the president, shall take office on the first day of July immediately following election to office and shall serve for the term of office or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

The president shall be elected, as the by-laws of the club may provide, within the period of not more than two years but not less than eighteen months prior to the day on which such member shall take office as president. The president shall be a director of the board and shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year in which the term as president shall commence.

The president shall take office on the first day of July in the Rotary year for which the president is elected to serve and shall serve for the period of election or until a successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Each officer and director shall be a member in good standing of this club. A candidate for the office of president shall have served as a member of this club for at least one year prior to being nominated for such office, except where service for less than a full year may be determined by the district governor to satisfy the intent of this requirement. The president-elect shall attend the

district presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly unless excused by the governor-elect. If so excused, the president-elect shall send a designated club representative who shall report back to the president-elect. If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district training assembly and has not been excused by the governor-elect or, if so excused, does not send a designated club representative to such meetings, the president-elect shall not be able to serve as club president. In such event, the current president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended a presidents-elect training seminar and district training assembly or training deemed sufficient by the governor-elect has been duly elected.

ARTICLE XI

Admission Fees and Dues

Every member shall pay an admission fee and annual dues as prescribed in the bylaws, except that any transferring or former member of another club who is accepted into membership of this club pursuant to article 7, section 4(a) or any former member of this club who rejoins this club, shall not be required to pay a second admission fee. A Rotaractor who ceased to be a member of Rotaract within the preceding two years, who is accepted into membership of this club, shall not be required to pay an admission fee.

ARTICLE XII

Duration of Membership

SECTION 1 - Period

Membership shall continue during the existence of the club unless terminated as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2 - Automatic Termination

(a) Membership shall automatically terminate when a member ceases to have the necessary qualifications for membership, except that (1) an active member moving from the locality or surrounding area of the club, may be given special leave of absence for a period not exceeding one year to enable them to visit and become known to a Rotary club in the community to which they move, providing they are still active in the same classification of business or profession and continues to comply with the attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership; or (2) by permission of the board active members moving from the locality or surrounding area of the club may retain membership providing they are still active in the same classifications of business or profession and continue to comply with attendance and all other conditions of Rotary membership.

(b) When the membership of an active member has terminated as provided in the foregoing Section 2, such person may make new application for membership, under the same classification or another classification. If elected to membership, such member shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

(c) Honorary membership shall automatically terminate at the end of the term for such membership as determined by the board of directors. However, the board may extend such honorary membership for an additional period. The board of directors may revoke an honorary membership at any time.

SECTION 3 – Termination - Non-payment of Dues

Any member failing to pay his dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at the member's

last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from the date of notification said membership shall automatically terminate.

Such former member, at the discretion of the board, may be reinstated to membership upon the former member's petition, and upon the payment of all indebtedness to the club, provided that no former member can be reinstated to active membership if the former classification has been filled.

SECTION 4 – Termination - Non-attendance.

The membership of any member other than an honorary member of this club shall automatically terminate if without the consent of the board for good and sufficient reason, a member fails: (a) to attend or make up at least fifty percent of club regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year (b) to attend at least thirty percent of the regular meetings of this club in each half of the Rotary year. The membership of any member, other than honorary member, of this club, shall automatically terminate if without the consent of the board for good and sufficient reason, the member fails to attend or make up four consecutive club meetings.

If a member fails to attend as required, the member's membership may be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause.

Consecutive Absences. Unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason or pursuant to article 9, sections 3 or 4, each member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's non-attendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership.

SECTION 5 - Termination for Other Causes

(a) *Good Cause.* The board may terminate the membership of any member who ceases to have the qualifications for membership in this club or for any good cause by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board members present and voting, at a meeting called for that purpose. The guiding principles for this meeting shall be article 7, section 1; The Four-Way Test; and the high ethical standards that one should hold as a Rotary club member.

(b) *Notice.* Prior to taking any action under subsection (a) of this section, the member shall be given at least ten (10) days' written notice of such pending action and an opportunity to submit a written answer to the board. The member shall have the right to appear before the board to state the member's case. Notice shall be by personal delivery or by registered letter to the member's last known address.

(c) *Filling Classification.* When the board has terminated the membership of a member as provided for in this section, this club shall not elect a new member under the former member's classification until the time for hearing any appeal has expired and the decision of this club or of the arbitrators has been announced. However, this provision shall not apply if, by election of a new member, the number of members under the said classification would remain within provided limitations even if the board's decision regarding termination is reversed.

SECTION 6 - Right to Appeal, Mediate or Arbitrate Termination

(a) *Notice.* Within seven (7) days after the date of the board's decision to terminate membership, the secretary shall give written notice of the decision to the member. Within fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice, the member may give written notice to the secretary of the intention to appeal to the club, request mediation, or to arbitrate as provided in article 16.

(b) *Date for Hearing of Appeal.* In the event of an appeal, the board shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal at a regular club meeting to be held within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the notice of appeal. At least five (5) days' written notice of the meeting and its special business shall be given to every member. Only members shall be present when the appeal is heard.

(c) *Mediation or Arbitration.* The procedure utilized for mediation or arbitration shall be as provided in article 16.

(d) *Appeal.* If an appeal is taken, the action of the club shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to arbitration.

(e) *Decision of Arbitrators or Umpire.* If arbitration is requested, the decision reached by the arbitrators or, if they disagree, by the umpire shall be final and binding on all parties and shall not be subject to appeal.

(f) *Unsuccessful Mediation.* If mediation is requested but is unsuccessful, the member may appeal to the club or arbitrate as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 7 - Board Action Final

Board action shall be final if no appeal to this club is taken and no arbitration is requested.

SECTION 8 - Resignation

The resignation of any member from the club shall be in writing (addressed to the president or secretary) and shall be accepted by the board, provided that all indebtedness of said member to the club has been paid.

SECTION 9 - Property Interest - Forfeiture of

Any person whose membership in this club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the club.

SECTION 10 - Temporary Suspension

Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution, if in the opinion of the board

(a) Credible accusations have been made that a member has refused or neglected to comply with this constitution, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the club; and

(b) Those accusations, if proved, constitute good cause for terminating the membership of the members; and

(c) It is desirable that no action should be taken in respect of the membership of the member pending the outcome of a matter or an event that the board considers should properly occur before such action is taken by the board; and

(d) That in the best interests of the club and without any vote being taken as to his or her membership, the member's membership should be temporarily suspended and the members should be excluded from attendance at meetings and other activities of this club and from any office or position the member holds within the club. For the purposes of this clause, the member shall be excused from fulfilling attendance responsibilities;

The board may, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the board, temporarily suspend the member as aforesaid for such period and on such further conditions as the board determines, albeit for a period no longer than is reasonably necessary in all the circumstances.

ARTICLE XIII

Community, National and International Affairs

SECTION 1 - Proper Subjects

The general welfare of the community, the nation, and the world is a concern to the members of this club, and the merits of any public question involving such welfare shall be proper subjects of fair and intelligent study and discussion before a club meeting for the enlightenment of its members in forming their individual opinion. However, this club shall not express an opinion on any pending controversial public measure.

SECTION 2 - No Endorsements

This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate.

SECTION 3 - Non-Political

(a) This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or views, nor take corporate action, dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature.

(b) This club shall not direct appeals to clubs, peoples or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, or proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature.

SECTION 4 - Recognizing Rotary's Beginning

This club will strive to emphasize aspects of Rotary service during a special week of celebrations commencing on the anniversary of Rotary's establishment. The week, commencing on February 23 of each year, shall be known as World Understanding and Peace Week.

While the special week will provide opportunity to reflect upon past achievements, it is appropriate to focus upon programs of peace, understanding and goodwill within the community and throughout the world.

ARTICLE XIV Rotary Magazines

SECTION 1 - Mandatory Subscriptions

Unless this club is excused by the Board of Directors of Rotary International from complying with the provisions of this article in accordance with the Bylaws of Rotary International, every member of this club, by acceptance of such membership, shall subscribe to the official magazine or to the approved magazine prescribed for this club by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. The subscription shall be handled in six (6) month periods and shall continue to the end of any six (6) month period during which he may cease to be a member of the club.

SECTION 2 - Subscription Collection

The amount of the subscription shall be collected by the club from each member semi-annually in advance and remitted to the Secretariat of Rotary International or to the office of such regional publication as may be determined by the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

ARTICLE XV Acceptance of Object and Compliance with Constitution and By-laws

A member, by payment of an admission fee and dues, thereby accepts the principles of Rotary as expressed in its Object and submits to and agrees to comply with and be bound by the constitution and by-laws of this club, and on these conditions alone is entitled to the privileges of the club. No member shall be absolved from the observance of the constitution and by-laws on the plea that he has not received a copy of them.

ARTICLE XVI
Arbitration and Mediation

Should any dispute arise between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer or the board of the club, relative to membership or to any alleged breach of the constitution or by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or on any account whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily settled under the procedure already provided for such purpose, the matters in difference shall be settled by arbitration. Each party shall appoint an arbitrator and the arbitrators shall appoint an umpire. Only members of a Rotary club may be appointed as umpire or as arbitrators. The decision arrived at by the arbitrators, or, in the event of their disagreement, by the umpire, shall be final and binding on all parties.

ARTICLE XVII
By-laws

The club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International (and the rules of procedure for an area administration where established) and with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the government of this club. Such by-laws may be amended from time to time as therein provided.

ARTICLE XVIII
Interpretation

Throughout this constitution, the terminology “mail,” “mailing,” and “ballot-by-mail” will include utilization of electronic mail (e-mail) and internet technology to reduce costs and increase responsiveness.

ARTICLE XIV
Amendments

SECTION 1 – Manner of Amending

Except as provided in section 2 of this article, this constitution may be amended only by the council on legislation in the same manner as is established in the bylaws of RI for the amendment of its bylaws.

SECTION 2 – Amending Article 2 and Article 3

Article 2 (Name) and Article 3 (Locality of the Club) of the constitution shall be amended at any regular meeting of this club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all voting members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each member and to the governor at least ten (10) days before such meeting, and provided further, that such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of RI for its approval and shall become effective only when so approved. The governor may offer an opinion to the board of directors of RI regarding the proposed amendment.

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