

RESOLUTION
CAL FIRE LOCAL 2881 58th ANNUAL CONVENTION
SACRAMENTO, CA
JANUARY 9 - JANUARY 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Electronic Voting System

SUBMITTED BY: Butte

INTENT: Move away from a manual, hand counted ballot system for voting

FINANCIAL
IMPACT: (To be assigned by fiscal steering committee/state finance director)

Sunset Date: _____ Continues Indefinitely _____

Estimated Annual Revenue: _____

WHEREAS, (1) Historically, CAL FIRE Local 2881 has relied upon a paper ballot system that requires hand counting physical ballots; and

WHEREAS, (2) This system is labor intensive, requires members to physically travel to a polling place, and introduces the possibility of human error when counting ballots; and

WHEREAS, (3) In recent years, some CAL FIRE units have had less than 60% participation when voting on important matters such as MOU ratification; and

WHEREAS, (4) Electronic online systems exist that are used by countless organizations of all sizes, including unions; and

WHEREAS, (5) Modern electronic online systems utilize protocols that have been validated, secure, and accurate; and

WHEREAS, (6) One example of such a system is electionbuddy.com; and

WHEREAS, (7) An electronic online system would allow members to vote for a specified period of time, 24 hours per day, from virtually any location; and

WHEREAS, (8) This would also alleviate challenges associated with members being on vacation, assigned to an incident, or otherwise have limited availability during the voting period; and

WHEREAS, (9) Electronic online systems provide immediate access to voting results versus the delays inherent in the current system of hand-counting ballots; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, (A) CAL FIRE Local 2881 explore the feasibility of implementing an electronic online system to be used for MOU ratification, voting at the Local 2881 convention, and similar activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, (B) If determined to be feasible, CAL FIRE Local 2881 take all measures necessary, including Constitution/By Laws modifications, policy/procedure updates, execution for contracts for services, and any other actions required to implement the electronic online system prior to the next MOU ratification process.

ACTION:

To Executive Board of Directors_____ Adopt in Original Form_____

Adopt as Amended _____ Adopt as a Consolidation of Resolutions _____

Withdrawn by Author _____ Reject _____