

POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Policy No.: **BD-18**

Subject: **Bylaw Amendments**

Objective: Because the bylaws of the cooperative permit the members to submit proposals to amend the bylaws, this policy is intended to guide that process, and to help assure that the best interests of the members are protected.

- Policy:
1. The board of directors will consider any bylaw amendment submitted by a member or members of the cooperative as prescribed by Article XII of the bylaws.
  2. Requirements of proposed bylaw amendments are as follows:
    - a. The member or members who originate the proposed bylaw amendment must submit a signed and dated original of the proposed amendment;
    - b. The proposed amendment must clearly state the article and section sought to be amended, and shall show all suggested changes, additions or deletions;
    - c. The proposed amendment must be timely submitted and in the manner prescribed in Article XII of the bylaws;
    - d. The member or members submitting the proposed amendment must also include their name, address, telephone number, account and location number;
    - e. The submission must include a statement which clearly explains the situation or concern to be addressed by the proposed amendment.
  3. The board of directors will then consider the proposed amendment and if in the best interests of the members as a whole, will notice the members with comment in a timely manner prior to the next annual meeting of members.
  4. In the event the proposed amendment is determined not to be in the best interests of the members as a whole, frivolous in nature, intended to usurp the authority vested in the board of directors by state statute, the articles of incorporation, or the bylaws, or in any other manner illegal or ill-advised, the board of directors will not pass on the proposed amendment to the members for consideration.

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Edward O. Gullickson, President  
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