

RESOLUTION 23R-07

To request the RI Board to consider recommending that each district establish a district Council on Legislation committee

Proposer(s): District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, currently, enactments and resolutions are proposed by clubs and
2 districts throughout the world and are considered by the Council on Legislation and
3 the Council on Resolutions. All districts elect a single representative, who may cast
4 one vote for each item considered by the Council on Legislation, convened
5 triennially in person, and the Council on Resolutions, which meets annually online,
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8 WHEREAS, in preparing enactments and resolutions, it is necessary to go through
9 the process of receiving proposals from the clubs in each district and compiling the
10 opinions in the district. It would be a significant burden to delegate these tasks to a
11 single representative, and

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13 WHEREAS, it cannot be denied, moreover, that the procedure of deliberating and
14 gathering opinions on many enactments and resolutions proposed by districts and
15 clubs around the world may also be an excessive burden if it is left to the
16 representative alone, and

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18 WHEREAS, noting also that club officers are largely unfamiliar with the RI
19 Constitution, RI Bylaws, and Standard Rotary Club Constitution, it would seem
20 essential for the district to to have a committee or some other body within the
21 district responsible for raising awareness of the Council and its activities, and

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23 WHEREAS, in this respect, a standing Council on Legislation committee could
24 prove useful to the district as a liaison for drafting and reviewing proposed
25 legislation

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27 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
28 International consider recommending that each district establish a committee
29 relating to the Council on Legislation and the Council on Resolutions, tentatively
30 called the district Council on Legislation committee.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

31 Since it is natural that the autonomy of each district should be respected, it does
32 not seem appropriate to make the district Council on Legislation committee a

1 mandatory committee. It should be a voluntary committee and should only be
2 recommended by the RI Board. Similarly, the organizational and authoritative
3 relationship between the governor, representative, and the district Council on
4 Legislation committee should be left to the discretion of each district.

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6 The establishment of a committee in each district to prepare and review
7 proposals for the Council on Legislation and Council on Resolutions would
8 enhance the general understanding among Rotarians of the RI Constitution, the
9 RI Bylaws, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, and the Recommended Rotary
10 Club Bylaws. It would also help to familiarize each club and its members with RI.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

11 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.