

RESOLUTION 21R-09

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

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kobe Seishin, 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, in addition, it cannot be denied 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, therefore, it would be desirable to establish a Council on Legislation
19 committee within each district that would be responsible for developing and
20 reviewing each of these proposals, and

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22 WHEREAS, since it is natural that the autonomy of each district should be
23 respected, it does not seem appropriate to make the district Council on Legislation
24 committee a mandatory committee. It should be a voluntary committee and should
25 only be recommended by the RI Board. Similarly, the organizational and
26 authoritative relationship between the governor, representative, and the district
27 Council on Legislation committee should be left to the discretion of each district
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29 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
30 International consider recommending that each district establish a committee
31 corresponding to the Council on Legislation and the Council on Resolutions,
32 tentatively called the district Council on Legislation committee.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

6 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
7 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
8 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. Districts now have and
9 are encouraged to use the option of creating additional committees that may be
10 appropriate for their structure, including one focused on Council on
11 Legislation and Council on Resolutions items.