

# RESOLUTION 25R-26

To request the RI Board to consider amending the provisions of the District Election Pilot

**Proposer(s):** Rotary Club of Sambalpur Central, District 3261, India

1 WHEREAS, clubs with a low membership count are considered to be active clubs  
2 within the district even though such clubs may have only one or two members,  
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5 WHEREAS, such clubs perform poorly, engage in few activities, and contribute  
6 little in relation to a club of average size, and

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8 WHEREAS, because of their active status, these clubs are allowed to participate  
9 in district elections, and

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11 WHEREAS, clubs with extremely low membership are often created with the  
12 intention of garnering votes for one or more favored candidates in district  
13 elections and have been known to influence the outcome of such elections with  
14 their preferential voting behavior

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16 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
17 International consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies (June 2025) in  
18 Article 2, Club Membership and Administration, and specifically in subsection  
19 2.130.3. as to the election pilot established by the RI Board for districts in South  
20 Asia, as follows:

## 21 22 **Article 2. Club Membership and Administration**

### 23 24 **2.130. Pilot Projects**

#### 25 26 **2.130.3. District Election Pilot**

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28 The RI Board has established a district election pilot for all districts in  
29 Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, and Sri  
30 Lanka for a six-year period beginning 1 July 2020 with following provisions:

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- 33 • clubs chartered or reinstated during the Rotary year in which the election  
34 takes place, or from January to June of the year prior to the year in which  
35 the election takes place, will be ineligible to participate in any aspect of  
36 the election process;
  - 37 • when a club ballot is necessary, the voting strength of each club will be  
38 based on the number of members on the July invoice of the year prior to

1 the year in which the club ballot takes place or the July invoice of the year  
2 in which the club ballot takes place, whichever is lower;:

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- 4 • active clubs with fewer than 13 members shall be ineligible to take part in  
5 any election activities or procedure of the district including voting at the  
6 district conference or district legislation meeting.

(End of Text)

### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT**

7 This resolution is proposed with the intent of ensuring free and fair elections  
8 within the district and election results that are truly representative of its clubs  
9 and their members.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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