

Limitation of Members With Low Attendance to Self-Nominate

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enclosed is the text of a recommended change to Appendix B of the Town Ordinances, placing limits on self-nomination for members that have attendance records of less than 50% of RTM meetings, or 50% of the standing committee to which they are assigned.

APPENDIX B to the Town Ordinances describes the rules of procedure of the RTM.

Part II of Appendix B describes Nomination and Voting for the RTM.

Section 6 (a) describes the process for nominations of candidates for membership on the RTM.

It has been noted that the number of “poor attenders” at RTM meetings, and standing committee meetings, is on the increase. Statistics for the past five years bear out the existence of this trend.

To encourage better attendance and to place a limit on the ease of ‘self-nomination’ for incumbents with poor attendance records, a modification to Appendix B is proposed.

Under the provisions of this modification to the code, members with poor attendance records, if standing for re-election, would need to secure a petition of 25 electors in order to be entered on the ballot.