

2026 Proposed Amendment to the NOW Bylaws

Proposed by:
Illinois NOW
Florida NOW
(also presented in 2025)

Purpose:

Three years ago, this provision was amended with the hope that it would increase geographical representation on the Board. The operation of the amendment has, instead, resulted in multiple vacancies on the Board, undercut grassroots participation so vital to NOW, reduced district input into Board decisions and actions, and produced fewer Board Members able to serve on standing committees and undertake necessary functions.

There is no change to the provision which increases representation by people of color.

Section 4. District Election of Board Members

B. Each electoral district shall have no fewer than two (2) members ~~from 2 different states~~ elected to the National Board. Any electoral district with a delegation that includes a person of color may have an additional member elected to the National Board from any state in the district.