

SUBMITTED BY: OCSEA Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Article XVII – Amendment of OCSEA State Constitution

RATIONALE: Proposal to clarify language regarding the submission of proposed changes to the State Constitution at the Convention by moving or using language previously included in Article XVI. The sixty (60) day period for submission of proposed changes is a modification to provide subordinate bodies with clear guidelines for the process to submit proposals.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE XVII OF THE OCSEA STATE CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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**Section 1. Procedure**

This State Constitution may be amended at any regular convention or at any special convention called for that purpose. Proposed amendments, when printed, must be of the same context as when they are submitted and shall be submitted to the central office for distribution to Chapter presidents in sufficient quantity for distribution to convention delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention date. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the certified delegates present and voting shall be required for the adoption of amendments.

**Any proposed changes to the State Constitution submitted by a Subordinate Body for the convention shall contain certification that it was approved for submission by the Chapter, District Council, or Assembly and shall be signed by at least two officers of such Body. The proposed changes shall be submitted to the OCSEA Central Office at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention.**

**Section 2. Effective Date**

Amendments adopted at the biennial or any special convention of this Union, unless otherwise provided, shall become effective on January 1, following said convention. Two printed copies of the State Constitution, as amended, will be mailed to each Chapter, District Council and Assembly president following review and approval pursuant to Article VI of the Affiliation Agreement with AFSCME International. **Any Changes to the OCSEA State Constitution shall automatically supersede any Subordinate Body By-Laws which conflict.**