



Local and State
AFL-CIO
Labor Councils

shall, in its convention, follow all voting procedures as delineated in Article VIII, Section 8, of this constitution.

Section 3. Effective September 1, 1969, each local union of this organization shall maintain affiliation with its AFL-CIO state labor council and its local AFL-CIO labor council(s) if such council(s) exist. Failure of any local union to maintain the affiliations as required in Sections 2 and 3 of this article shall be grounds for denial of delegate representation at any state or national convention of this organization or other appropriate penalties set by the executive council, except that the executive council may, by a two-thirds vote, waive these requirements for good and sufficient reasons.

Per Capita
Tax

Section 4. The AFT executive council, by majority vote, may require each affiliated local to pay for each member the per capita tax levied by its respective AFL-CIO state central labor body to the AFT on the regular AFT per capita forms. The AFT shall submit payment to each state AFL-CIO central labor body in accordance with the AFL-CIO constitution.

ARTICLE XII
Referenda

Initiation

Section 1. Proposed actions, including actions of the convention and amendment to the constitution and the bylaws, shall be submitted to a referendum vote by order of the convention or of the executive council or by request of 15 or more locals representing not less than 15 percent of the members then in good standing or by petition signed by not less than 10 percent of the members, except that the executive council shall not order a convention action to be submitted to referendum; provided, however, that in no case shall a referendum be held whose termination date is between June 1 and November 1; and provided that actions taken by the executive council concerning:

(a) actions of the convention involving expenditure of funds;

(b) the employment, re-employment or dismissal of officers, organizers, office employees and other general employees who are appointed and whose salaries or other remuneration are fixed by the executive council;

(c) the power to interpret and enforce the constitution and to make rules and bylaws not in conflict with the constitution subject to report to succeeding convention for approval, rejection or modification;

(d) the power to appoint committees not inconsistent with the constitution;

(e) the time and place for the meetings of the executive council and the expenses involved therein;

(f) the power to fill vacancies on the executive council; and

(g) the power to investigate locals shall not be the subject of referendum; and further provided, that action taken by the convention under authority of the bylaws, Article VI, governing nominations and elections procedures, shall not be the subject of referendum.

Limitations

Section 2. After receipt of order or request for referendum, it shall be the duty of the AFT president to transmit the question to be voted on to the locals within two weeks of its receipt by him/her. Following this, there shall be a period of six weeks during which the proponents and opponents shall be given opportunity to debate the issue through the regular channels of the union, at the end of which time the president shall send to the individual members of all locals in good standing ballots upon which the members shall cast their votes and shall also send to the members at large of the state federations, ballots upon which the members at large of the state federations shall cast their votes.

Section 3. The president of the AFT shall rent a postal deposit box. The individual members will mail the ballots to this postal box. The closing date of the referendum shall be 30 days from the date ballots are mailed from the national office. At the

Time Limit

Ballot-
Counting
Procedure