

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 6

# Increasing the National Affiliation Fee

Submitted by the Executive Council

Under the National Affiliation Fee program, participating unions receive full voting strength for their local unions in state federations by paying the federation a national affiliation fee equal to 75 percent of the per capita tax charged by the various state bodies. The proposed amendment raises the national affiliation fee from 75 percent to 80 percent, beginning Jan. 1, 2010, and gives the Executive Council the authority to adopt future increases as circumstances warrant.

Amend Article XIV, Section 2.(b) as follows:

(b) A national or international union may affiliate its entire membership with the appropriate state central bodies by paying to the AFL-CIO monthly a state central body national affiliation fee equal to 75 percent of the per capita tax charged by the various state bodies weighted to reflect the distribution of the union's membership among the states. ***Beginning in January 2010, the national affiliation fee will be 80 percent, and the Executive Council is authorized to adopt future increases in the fee as circumstances warrant.*** If a union elects to pay this national affiliation fee, each local of that union (or other eligible subordinate body as determined by the Executive Council) will be entitled to membership in the appropriate state central body, and each of those locals will be entitled to full voting strength in its state central body. The national affiliation fees received by the AFL-CIO will be rebated to the state central bodies on the basis of their membership, per capita tax rates, and needs. The Executive Council shall establish procedures for calculating the amount of the fee due from any union electing to pay the national affiliate fee, for determining the voting strength of the union's locals within the various state central bodies, and shall take such other steps as are necessary to implement this section.