

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 7

Underaffiliation Assessment

Submitted by the Executive Council

The proposed amendment would authorize the Executive Council to establish minimum floors for affiliation with state federations and area/central labor councils by national union affiliates and an assessment on affiliates that fall below the floor. Revenues raised through the underaffiliation assessment would be placed in the Strategic Investment Fund established by the federation for grants and programs to strengthen state, area and local central bodies.

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

(c) The Executive Council is authorized to establish such programs, rules and procedures as it deems necessary or advisable to implement the Federation's policy of full participation and fair affiliation of local unions to central labor bodies and to achieve broad support for these organizations from local unions within their jurisdictions. ***The Executive Council is authorized to establish a minimum floor for affiliation with state federations by national union affiliates and a program for achieving at least these minimums, including an assessment on affiliates whose affiliation falls below the minimum floor(s). The Council is similarly authorized to establish a separate minimum floor, program and assessment for affiliation with area or central labor councils by national union affiliates.*** The Executive Council is further authorized to establish such programs, rules and procedures as it deems necessary or advisable to ensure effective performance by central labor bodies and coordination and integration of central labor body activities with each other and with the programs and priorities of the AFL-CIO and affiliated national and international unions. The Executive Council is further authorized to modify or phase out the program contained in Section 2.(b) of this Article as part of any program, rule or procedure adopted under this Section.