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I would like to propose an amendment to the Constitution of District 1 for the Department of Arkansas.

Proposed Amendment

Delegate strength in District 1 for all voting concerning District 1 business that requires the counting of delegates will be determined as follows: Each post will be awarded 1 delegate for the post charter, 1 delegate for 15 members, 1 delegate for 40 members, 1 delegate for 80 members, one delegate for 160 members, and 1 delegate for every full 100 thereafter. This amendment does not affect the way delegate strength is determined for Department or National business.

Example 1: Post with 80 members would be given 4 delegates; 1 for the charter, 1 delegate for 15 members, 1 delegate for 40 members, and 1 delegate for 80 members.

Example 2: Post with 225 members would be given 5 delegates; 1 delegate for the charter, 1 delegate for 15 members, 1 delegate for 40 members, 1 delegate for 80 members, and 1 delegate for 160 members.

Example 3: Post with 360 members would be given 7 delegates; 1 delegate for the charter, 1 delegate for 15 members, 1 delegate for 40 members, 1 delegate for 80 members, 1 delegate for 160 members, and 2 for the remaining 200 members.

This would ensure a fairer voice within the district for all posts. It would not allow any single post to wield the majority of power within the district. It still rewards the larger posts for their recruiting efforts but at the same time it gives all post's a larger voice in the District.

Sincerely,

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