



2024 Committee Recommendations:  
Do Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Pass as Amended \_\_\_\_\_  
Do Not Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Held in Committee \_\_\_\_\_

1 **Subject:** Write-Ins Prohibited for Statewide Officer, Board, and International Union  
2 Delegate Elections  
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4 **Submitted by:** Rules Committee  
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6 **WHEREAS,** the SEIU International Union Constitution and Bylaws (Art. XV, Section 2)  
7 prohibits write-ins in Statewide Officer, Board of Directors, and International Union  
8 Delegate elections (but do not prohibit them in sublocal elections); and

9 **WHEREAS,** the Union’s current Bylaws authorize write-ins in Statewide Officer, Board  
10 of Directors, and International Union Delegates elections in conflict with the SEIU  
11 International Union Constitution and Bylaws which supersede the Union’s Bylaws; and

12 **WHEREAS,** regardless of the passage of this resolution, write-ins will no longer be used  
13 in Statewide Officer, Board of Directors, and International Union Delegate elections  
14 because their use is prohibited;

15 **WHEREAS,** our bylaws must be in compliance with the SEIU International Union  
16 Constitution and Bylaws; now, therefore,  
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18 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF SEIU LOCAL 503 THAT**  
19 **THE BYLAWS BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**  
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21 Section 5. Special Rules for Election of Statewide Officers, Directors and Assistant  
22 Directors.  
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24 These rules shall apply to the conduct of Statewide Officer and Board of  
25 Directors elections, in addition to the safeguards and procedures specified in  
26 Section 3 above.

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- 28 (i) All candidates running for statewide and Board of Directors office, even if  
29 running unopposed, shall be presented to the statewide membership in the  
30 form of a single ballot. ~~In addition, ballots must have a space for a write-in~~  
31 ~~candidate for each office.~~  
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### IMPACT STATEMENTS

**Financial:** This may have a minimal savings for our contract with our statewide election vendor, but the savings are unknown and it would be minimal savings.

**Equity:** No impact

**Legal:** The Union is obligated to comply with the SEIU Constitution. Regardless of whether this resolution passes, the Union cannot continue to allow write-ins for Statewide

Officer, Board of Directors, and International Union Delegate elections unless it receives an explicit waiver from the IU. If this resolution fails, the Union will follow the SEIU Constitution and retain a conflicting provision in its Bylaws, which may cause confusion and waste resources due to election challenges based on these conflicting provisions. The Legal Department strongly urges delegates to pass this resolution to fix an existing conflict between the Bylaws and International Constitution.

**Political:** No impact