



Agenda Item Identification Code
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Girl Scouts of the USA
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Agenda Item Submission Form 58th National Council Session

Name of Girl Scout Council(s) **Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta**

City **Atlanta** State **Georgia**

If a group of councils is submitting a single agenda item, all councils must be listed on this form.

Is this council(s) submitting a Discussion Topic or Proposal? ☒

Is this a ☒ draft or a final submission?

Write the following information exactly as the council wishes it to appear in the *Workbook* if accepted for the agenda.

TITLE OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE DELEGATE MINIMUM AGE TO THIRTEEN (13) YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL OR DISCUSSION TOPIC, QUESTION, OR ISSUE (Proposals should be written in the form of a motion)

GSGATL National Council Delegates move to amend Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution to provide that the minimum age of delegates be at least thirteen (13) years old to represent chartered Girl Scout councils at National Council Sessions (NCS). The girl delegate nominees would follow existing procedures to be nominated and voted on by councils to serve as voting delegates. The current minimum age of fourteen (14) can result in girl delegates aging out of the program and being unavailable to serve at the NCS.

REASONS:

1. What is the issue the discussion topic or proposal is trying to address?
2. Are there other ways to address this issue?
3. How does this proposal improve Movement governance or policy? OR How does this discussion topic inform Movement strategy?
4. Does this agenda item have Movement-wide significance? Does it apply to all councils?
5. Is this agenda item time-sensitive? What happens if it is not addressed at NCS 58?

1. The rationale for this proposal is to:
 - o Increase the number of girl delegates that might participate in NCS
 - o Have fewer last-minute alternate delegates due to girl unavailability, and
 - o Allow girl delegates to have a greater democratic voice in governance.
2. No, a constitutional amendment is needed to change the minimum age of delegates.
3. See proposal and #1 above.
4. Yes, this agenda item has movement-wide significance and would apply to all councils.
5. While not time-sensitive, the proposal addresses an existing limitation created by the newly enacted timeline for delegate election at the council level. It could be addressed at NCS 59, however, the proposal is straightforward, would not take much time to consider at NCS 58 and will likely be non-controversial in nature.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSALS

Indicate the projected expenditure and impact on resources for councils and the national organization, for a five (5) year period.

The proposal would not create any financial impact on resources for councils and the national organization.

Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors

Date of council board meeting

Open Comment and Collaboration Period: April 7-May 14, 2025

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Final Submission Deadline: May 30, 2025

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