



Agenda Item Identification Code  
(For National Board Office only):

Girl Scouts of the USA  
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New York, NY 10018-2798

## 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? **Proposal**

Is this a draft or a ☒ final submission? **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)

MOTION: That Article IV (The National Council), Section 3 (Eligibility for Membership) of the Constitution of Girl Scouts USA be amended by striking the number "14" and inserting the number "13" after "who are" and before the words "years of age."

## 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:
  - a. increase the number of girl delegates that could participate in NCS,
  - b. have fewer last-minute alternate delegates due to girl unavailability, and
  - c. allow girl delegates to have a greater democratic voice in governance.
2. There are no other ways to address this issue. A constitutional amendment is required to change the minimum age of delegates.
3. This proposal improves Movement governance by:
  - a. increasing the number of girl delegates eligible to serve,
  - b. allowing girl delegates to be more engaged during their entire term, and
  - c. reducing the number of girl delegates who are unable to complete their term.
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 of girl delegate eligibility created by the newly enacted council timeline for delegate election. The proposal could be considered at NCS 59; however, the proposal improves Movement governance, is straightforward, is expected to take little time at NCS 58 and will likely be non-controversial in nature.

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## 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 of councils or the national organization.

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Susan Lazaro, Chair  
GSGATL Board of Directors

\_\_ *Susan Lazaro* \_\_  
Signature and Printed Name of chair, council board of directors

GSGATL Board Electronic Vote May 28, 2025

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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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