




THE AMERICAN LEGION
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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: May 10, 2015
TO: District Commanders
FROM: John "Doc" Bart, JAG 
SUBJECT: ELECTIONS

QUESTION: Who is eligible to be nominated and hold office in the American Legion?

ANSWER: All members in good standing of the American Legion are eligible to be nominated and hold office in the American Legion.

FACTS: Any attempt to prevent a member in good standing from being nominated for an elective office in the American Legion may nullify the election and result in delegates no being seated at the annual convention.

CONCLUSION: Members in good standing of the American Legion are eligible to be nominated and elected to office in the American Legion. If a member holds another office which by statute or in practice is prohibited or creates a conflict of interest, the member must resign from one or the other office to eliminate the conflict. The choice is left to the member.