CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT FORM

NOTE: The proposed amendment must be submitted on this form. It may be prepared on a computer or by hand.

Part 1. This is an amendment to the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League (ADDING/AMENDING) Article IV, Sections 2 and 4 relating to National Council meetings and Article X, Section 1 relating to National Convention and ADDING Article X, Section 2 relating to National Convention.

Part 2. ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 of the (CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS) of the Japanese American Citizens League is (ADDED/AMENDED) to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. NATIONAL COUNCIL POWERS AND MEETINGS

SECTION 2. Biennial Session
The National Council shall meet in general session biennially during the National Convention held in even-numbered years.

SECTION 4. Notice
a.(2.) in the case of the biennial meeting, those matters which the National Board, at the time of giving notice, intends to present for action to the National Council.

ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 of the BYLAWS of the Japanese American Citizens Leagues is AMENDED to read as follows:

ARTICLE X. NATIONAL CONVENTION

SECTION 1. Convention
The National Convention of this organization shall convene every two (2) years in the even-numbered years at a place designated by the National Board.

ARTICLE X, SECTION 2 of the BYLAWS of the Japanese American Citizens Leagues is ADDED to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Odd-Year Convention

In odd-numbered years, a National Convention of this organization may be held at a place designated by the National Board when called for at the general meeting of the National Council at a previous Biennial Convention. This odd-year convention will not include a general meeting of the National Council.
Part 3. ARTICLE X SECTION(S) 2 and 3 (ARE) renumbered as

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SECTION 3. National Convention Committee

SECTION 4. Chapter Awarded the National Convention respectively.

Part 4. This amendment shall become effective (IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS ADOPTION / AS OF

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(State proposed date)

Part 5. Sponsor: Dated: 

(Optional) 

Chapter Name / Youth Rep E-mail:  

Sponsor by: 

Printed Name (individual) 

Signed: 

Signature 

Part 6. Moved: 

National Board Dated: 5/2/2024 

(Required) 

District Council - National Youth/Student Council - National Board Month/Date/Year 

Moved by: Larry Oda 

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Signed: /s/ 

Printed Name (individual) 

Title: President 

Part 7. Name the contact person authorized to communicate on behalf of the proponent with the 

Constitution & Bylaws Committee in order to discuss changes:

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Part 8. Will there be any fiscal impact associated with implementation of this amendment? (YES / NO) 

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Part 9. Rationale (Provide a concise explanation of the reasons/background for the proposed change)

The National Board submits this proposed bylaw amendment in conjunction with the proposed 2025-2026 budget. This proposal is specifically designed to reduce the 2025 convention by one day by eliminating the National Council meeting at the 2025 convention. This reduction results in a $72,000 reduction of convention expenses for the 2025 convention by reducing convention by one day according to calculations from National Staff.

This proposal also eliminates the requirement to hold odd-year National Conventions without National Council meetings. Instead, this proposal creates an optional provision for the National Council to call for an odd-year National Convention at the previous even-year National Convention during the general meeting (e.g. at the 2026 convention the National Council could call for a 2027 convention). This flexibility is necessary to ensure that future budget proposals align with JACL’s financial and staff
resources without requiring continual CBL amendments to “skip” odd-year conventions. A 2025 convention is currently planned while a 2027 convention may or may not occur.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

This form **must** be accompanied by a completed Fiscal Impact Statement when submitted for formal review unless you indicate in Part 8 that there will be no fiscal impact.

This form cannot be used to propose a bylaw amendment **without notice**.

Please review your completed proposal to ensure that it **strictly** complies with all procedures in the Constitution & Bylaws Committee memo.

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