



Rule Change

Plebiscites & Ballots

You can find a copy of the proposed rule change below. Note that text in red is new or changed.

Rule 27 – PLEBISCITES

(1) Any plebiscite required under these Rules upon any matter shall be conducted by the Returning Officer and any other persons the Returning Officer considers necessary. The Returning Officer shall fix all proper and necessary dates for the conduct of the ballot after consultation with State Committee of Management.

~~[No previous provision]~~

[Added] A plebiscite may be conducted by secure electronic voting means, provided that the system used ensures secrecy, integrity, and accessibility for all financial members.

(2) All financial members of the Union shall be entitled to vote in a plebiscite, including the Returning Officer.

(3) A plebiscite shall be conducted by the Returning Officer upon the State Secretary receiving a written request for such a plebiscite signed by at least one-tenth of the financial members of the Union.

(4) The Returning Officer shall conduct a plebiscite upon any matter if directed to do so by the State Committee of Management.

(5) The Returning Officer shall decide all questions which are relevant to determine the result of the plebiscite and the Returning Officer's declaration of the result shall be final. The Returning Officer shall declare the result of a plebiscite by posting to the President and by posting up in a prominent place at the Registered office of the Union a declaration signed by such Returning Officer.

(6) If a majority of members voting, vote in favour of the motion, the motion shall be carried and shall have the effect of a decision of the State Committee of Management.

Rule 28 – BALLOTS (Tracked Changes)

All elections and all plebiscites shall be by secret ballot and subject to the Act, conducted by the Returning Officer specified by these Rules and shall be held in accordance with the following:

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[Revised] Elections shall be conducted by postal ballot in accordance with these Rules. Plebiscites may be conducted either by postal ballot or by secure electronic voting means, as determined by the Returning Officer in consultation with the State Committee of Management.

(1) The Returning Officer shall have ballot papers printed and obtain and retain a certificate from the printer as to the number printed.

[Clarification] This requirement applies only to postal ballots.



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(2)(a) Ballot papers for an election shall be set out with the names of the candidates for the respective offices. The order of the names of candidates on the ballot paper to be determined by drawing lots.

(b) In a plebiscite the Returning Officer shall formulate the matter or matters the subject of the plebiscite in the form of proposals which are proposed or decisions which have been made under these Rules. Ballot papers for a plebiscite shall set out each proposal or decision to be determined and shall provide for satisfactory wording which will accurately reflect the intention of the plebiscite.

[Added] Where a plebiscite is conducted electronically, equivalent secure electronic ballot forms shall be used.

(3)–(14)

[Added Note] Sub-Rules (3) to (14) apply to postal ballots. For plebiscites conducted electronically, the Returning Officer shall ensure equivalent security, secrecy, and verification measures are in place, including appropriate instructions for members.
