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TO: ALAUX

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Subj: AUXILIARY ELECTION POLICY CHANGES

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1. In order to facilitate the conduct of electronic voting at Auxiliary district, division, and flotilla organizational levels during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with provisions of ALAUX 013/20 regarding the conduct of business at those organizational levels, the following sections of the Auxiliary Manual, Commandant Instruction M16790.1 (series), are changed to read as follows:

4.F.3.c. Unit standing rule provisions at district, division, and flotilla levels that allow nominations from the floor are suspended for elections held electronically. Nominations from the floor are not permitted during such elections. All candidates for elections to be held electronically shall submit their letters of intent so as to be received by the Auxiliary unit leader no later than 14 days in advance of the election. For elections held as part of an in-person meeting, nominations from the floor remain authorized, shall be conducted in accordance with applicable provisions in the unit's standing rules, and the nominator shall be responsible for ascertaining the eligibility of the nominee subject to verification by the Director before the election.

4.F.3.h. All elections shall be by secret written ballot unless there is only one candidate for a particular office. When there is only one candidate for a particular office, only one vote need be cast for that candidate to be elected.

2. These changes are effective immediately albeit on a temporary basis the duration of which shall end as determined by the Chief Director of Auxiliary.

3. Internet release is authorized.