

Resolution No. 12

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Constitution & By-Laws

Re: Protecting the Integrity of IAFF Elections

1 WHEREAS, all members of the Executive Board,
2 including the General President, General Secretary-
3 Treasurer, and sixteen District Vice Presidents are
4 elected every four years; and

5 WHEREAS, all members of the International
6 Board of Trustees are elected every four years; and

7 WHEREAS, all elected officials of the IAFF
8 make a commitment to their office and the
9 membership of our union; and

10 WHEREAS, the strength and solidarity of our
11 union is imperative in fighting for the advancement
12 of our honorable profession; and

13 WHEREAS, the political power of the IAFF
14 brand and endorsement has the potential to influence
15 the political process for any elected office, including
16 the United States House of Representatives,
17 Canadian Parliament, the Senates of both the United
18 States and Canada, the President of the United States,
19 and the Prime Minister of Canada; and

20 WHEREAS, the negative impact of outside
21 money in campaigns is well-known due to the
22 influence donors can have over those they
23 contributed to; and

24 WHEREAS, with outside money comes time and
25 access, and could lead to a corruption of the ideals of
26 our union; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That Article V, Section 12 be added
28 to the IAFF Constitution and By-Laws, and read as
29 follows:

30 “No person who runs for elected office for the
31 International Association of Fire Fighters may
32 solicit, accept, or use for their campaign any type
33 of donation, monetary or otherwise, except from
34 active members of the IAFF, active-retired
35 members of the IAFF, and members of the IAFF
36 Alumni. No person who runs for elected office for
37 the International Association of Fire Fighters
38 may solicit, accept, or use for their campaign
39 more than \$1,000.00, monetary or otherwise, from
40 any active member of the IAFF, active-retired
41 member of the IAFF or member of the IAFF
42 Alumni per election. No person who runs for
43 elected office for the International Association of
44 Fire Fighters may solicit, accept, or use for their
45 campaign any type of donation, monetary or
46 otherwise, from the IAFF, any IAFF Local or any
47 IAFF affiliated entity or use union funds to
48 support their candidacy.

49 Each candidate for IAFF elected office shall
50 attest, on a form created and distributed by the
51 IAFF Executive Board, of his/her compliance
52 with this provision of the Constitution. The form
53 will be submitted to the Office of the General
54 Secretary-Treasurer.

55 Violations of this Section shall constitute
56 misconduct under Article XV, Sections 1.A., 1.J.,
57 and 1.L, and applicable United States law and

58 Department of Labor regulations and be subject to
59 the provisions on preferring charges of
60 misconduct as set forth in Article XVI.”

Submitted by: IAFF Executive Board

Cost Estimate: **None**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **N/A**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Reject

CONVENTION ACTION: Rejected