

## 2019 CHARTER AMENDMENTS

### PROPOSITION #12:

## **Amend Charter to include voting by absentee ballot in Country Committee elections**

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WHEREAS, certain Country Committees do not allow voting by absentee ballot in Country Committee elections;

WHEREAS, the ability to vote absentee in Country Committee elections, either by mail, or by email or other electronic means, enables the greatest participation in the elections among the Country Committee's membership;

WHEREAS, one of the main purposes of Democrats Abroad is to ensure that as many American citizens residing abroad can vote via absentee ballot in U.S. elections, as well as in the Democrats Abroad Global Primary;

WHEREAS, Country Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Voting Representatives are members of the DPCA, and that similar minimum standards should be used in the elections of such DPCA members across Country Committees;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Democrats Abroad Charter be amended to include a new Section 5.5:

### **Section 5.5 (Absentee Ballots in Country Committee Elections)**

The membership of a Country Committee shall have access to absentee ballots, including by mail, as well as by email and/or online, in the Country Committee's elections for office.