

This Amendment will be voted on by the DEC at the MidWinter Convention during the DEC Meeting on Friday, February 20, 2026. If any members have concerns, please contact the Department Constitution and By Laws Chairman, Rose Kraft, Department Headquarters Secretary, Amy Howard or Department President, Susie Learning.

Proposal # and Location in Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rule Proposal #1 - Standing Rules XXI – Section 3 Dues and Assessments		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
South Dakota Auxiliary Headquarter Unit #500 Senior Membership and Junior Membership shall be Department Dues plus that of Nationals and what is set for Unit dues by the Department Secretary with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.	South Dakota Auxiliary Headquarter Unit #500 Senior Membership and Junior Membership shall be Department Dues plus that of Nationals and what is set for Unit 500 dues by the Department Secretary with the approval of the Department Executive Committee. <i>The total of Senior Unit 500 dues must be a minimum of \$5.00 more than the largest Department Unit dues.</i>	South Dakota Auxiliary Headquarter Unit #500 Senior Membership and Junior Membership shall be Department Dues plus that of Nationals and what is set for Unit 500 dues by the Department Secretary with the approval of the Department Executive Committee. <i>The total of Senior Unit 500 dues must be a minimum of \$5.00 more than the largest Department Unit dues.</i>

Proposed by: Constitution and By Laws Committee

Rationale: The preferred practice is for members to be affiliated with a unit and engaged in a community. The 500 Unit is designed as an interim or “slide-through” placement for members whose units are closed, offering a temporary assignment until a new unit is chosen.