

## **SR 2018-015 Ballot Voting Procedure - Single Seat**

### **Add New Standing Rule:**

#### **BALLOT VOTING PROCEDURE - SINGLE SEAT**

During single seat elections for which more than two candidates have been nominated, wherein voting by ballot is the method chosen by the Central Committee, ballots will be created and distributed in the following manner:

1. If ballots contain the names of all nominated candidates, the ballot shall include space for candidates' names who have not been nominated in advance;
2. Ballots will contain a space wherein members may indicate their voting preferences numerically;
3. Ballots will be given to all credentialed PCPs; a PCP is allowed to refuse their ballot if they so choose.
4. A member may indicate more than one preference for the office on their ballot in ranked order;
5. After all ballots have been counted if no candidate has a majority of members' first-choice votes the process of determining a winner via simulated instant runoff elections will take place as follows;
  - a. The candidate with the least first-choice votes indicated on members' ballots will be removed from consideration and members' votes previously assigned to that candidate will be assigned to the second or next highest choice indicated on their ballots should one exist, and if there are no other choices indicated on the ballot those votes will be eliminated;
  - b. After all ballots have been counted again if no candidate has a majority of members' votes the process of eliminating the candidate with the least votes from consideration and re-assigning those members' votes to their next choice or removing them when no other choice is given will continue until a candidate has a majority of votes.