<u>Proposed Amendment to the</u> <u>University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules</u>

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This amendment to Section 27, *Penalties the State Executive Committee can Impose*, of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules (C&CR) would provide a penalty the State Executive Committee (SEC) could impose on a UIL District Executive Committee (DEC) or Music Region Executive Committee when it is determined that the Committee is acting in a manner inconsistent with the rules of the C&CR.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

When UIL Committees, who have responsibility to enforce UIL rules, do not act in a manner consistent with the rules, little remedy is available to the SEC. Giving the SEC an avenue to appoint an independent individual to oversee the conduct of meetings, with some individual referral authority, would be a step toward making sure the rules are enforced consistently.

C. <u>Proposed Amendment</u>

Section 27(g) of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* would be amended as follows, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 27: PENALTIES THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CAN IMPOSE

(g) FOR UIL CONTEST DISTRICTS.

- (1) If the State Executive Committee decides that a District Executive Committee or a music region executive committee interpreted and applied the Constitution and/or Contest Rules knowing that the interpretation or application was material and erroneous, the State Executive Committee may disqualify the district or the music region in the germane activity.
- (2) IF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDES THAT A DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OR A MUSIC REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS REPEATEDLY INTERPRETED AND APPLIED THE CONSTITUTION AND/OR CONTEST RULES IN A MANNER THAT DEMONSTRATES A LACK OF FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES, AND/OR THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES, THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY APPOINT A CHAIR TO OVERSEE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND DETERMINE WHEN TO REFER MATTERS TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND/OR APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO CONDUCT COMMITTEE BUSINESS.
- (3) (2) The State Executive Committee has the option not to replace a competitive group that is disqualified from the playoff structure at or near the certification date for district representatives.

D. Potential Fiscal Impact of the Proposed Rule to Member Schools

This amendment should have no fiscal impact on schools.

E. <u>Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date</u>

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2025.