Chugach Electric Association, Inc.
Anchorage, Alaska

# Proposed Bylaw Change Form

Thank you for your suggestion to amend the Chugach Bylaws. To ensure your proposal is considered by the Bylaws Committee and the Chugach Board of Directors, please fill out the form completely. If approved, it will be voted on by Chugach members during the annual election. Please note that any changes to the bylaws will not take effect until it has gone through this process in its entirety, approved by the Chugach voting members, and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Member Name: _____

Member Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date Submitted: _____

Ballot Title: _____

Description of the justification for the amendment that will be printed on the ballot (use another sheet if necessary).

Clearly identify the specific article within the bylaws where the proposed change is located, including both the Article and Section numbers. When introducing a new topic, select the article and section number where the topic is the best fit. Any deletions will be marked with a ~~strikethrough~~, while additions will be highlighted in **bold and underline**. (See the back of this form for examples).

Bylaw amendment:

Article number _____ Section number _____

Proposed wording:

## Examples:

**Submitting a new bylaw**

Title: Establish a Round Up Program
Description:
A Round Up program offers members the opportunity to participate in a charitable giving program that rounds the member's monthly bill to the next whole dollar amount, contributing between $0.01 and $0.99 a month, for an average of $6.00 in a year. Members may choose not to participate in the program at any time.
The program aligns with Chugach's Strategic Priority of enhancing community involvement. When surveyed, Chugach members indicated that offering a round up program is important. Donations made to the Round Up program will be managed by a charitable foundation which will oversee the distribution of charitable support to 501(c)(3) organizations within Chugach's service area. Utility Round Up programs have a long history of providing long lasting, meaningful impact to the communities they serve.

Amended Bylaw:

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS
**SECTION 4. Utility Bill Round Up Program**

**The Association may establish a program to permit members to round up their bills to the nearest dollar. The monies collected shall be used for 501(c)(3) charitable purposes in the Association's service area. Members may be automatically included in this program, but may choose not to participate in the program by notice to the Association.**

**Submitting a change to a bylaw**

Title: Mail-In Ballot Deadline Extension
Description:
In recent years, the Association has seen a significant drop in the number of members requesting paper ballots as most ballots are now cast electronically. This has greatly reduced the time needed to process and count paper ballots received by members. In the last election, less than two hours was needed to open and count the paper ballots.
The Bylaws currently provide that paper ballots must be received no later than three calendar days before the election. Given the significant decrease in the use of paper ballots by the membership and the amount of time needed to count them, the Association believes the deadline for paper ballots should be amended to allow paper ballots to be received no later than noon, one day before the election. This would also eliminate the possibility that certain ballots are rejected if not timely received under the current deadline.

Amended Bylaw:

ARTICLE III MEMBERS, MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS
SECTION 9. Elections and Election Committee.

(c) A member may vote by such means as allowed by law and established by the Association. All mail ballots must be received by the Association or its designee by 12:00 Noon ~~three (3)~~ **one (1)** calendar day~~s~~ prior to the annual or special meeting.