

Shelby Energy Proposed Members' Bill of Rights

Nature of the Bill of Rights: Because of their fundamental importance, the Members' Bill of Rights cannot be amended without the consent of the membership. Sections within this Article may not be amended or repealed except by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors and the approval of two thirds (2/3) of those Members of the Cooperative voting at a Member Meeting on their own behalf in person, by mail, electronically or by any other method authorized by the Board.

Open, Fair, & Accessible Elections: A Member has the right to fair and open Director elections, with nomination to the Director ballot by petition only. At least one hundred (100) members from the District in question may make nominations in writing over their signature. Voting for any Director position shall be by postage-free, mail-in ballot. Members in each District shall choose the Director who represents them and shall not vote in other District elections. All proxy voting shall be prohibited.

Open Meetings: A Member has the right to attend every regular, special, or called meeting of the Board of Directors and its committees, except for executive sessions as allowed by policy or law. Agendas for all board meetings shall be posted on Shelby Energy's website not less than five days before a board meeting and shall be made available to any member who makes a request. All meetings shall be called with at least five days notice and such notice shall be posted online and made visible in the Shelby Energy main and district offices. Any final action, decision, or vote on a matter shall be made in an open meeting. Any final decisions made in executive sessions shall be reported on in the open meeting. Members shall have the ability to place issues for discussion on the agendas for Board and Member meetings. In order to make member meetings accessible to more members, annual member meetings shall rotate among the three districts.

Open Records: A Member has the right, on written request, to examine and copy at the Member's expense the records of Shelby Energy, except those records exempted from disclosure for reasons of: privacy, attorney-client privilege, real estate subject matter, personnel subject matter, or security. Full, unedited minutes of all meetings, and all supporting materials related to the minutes, including attachments, shall be posted promptly on Shelby Energy's website. Unedited video recordings of all board meetings shall be posted on Shelby Energy's website within two weeks of each board meeting. Shelby Energy's website shall contain district maps, contact information for each Director, the most recent annual report, and a complete copy of Shelby Energy's bylaws and articles of incorporation.