

IRP Amendment Process

Fact Sheet

All ballots to amend the IRP Agreement require approval by three-fourths of the member jurisdictions casting a vote. Member jurisdictions not casting a vote shall be deemed to have abstained, and such abstention shall not be considered in determining passage or failure of a ballot.

- Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the repository in draft form a minimum of 60 days prior to an open meeting (the IRP Annual Meeting or another meeting so designated by the IRP, Inc. Board of Directors).
- The repository will assign the proposed amendment a proposed ballot number and distribute the proposed amendment, within 10 days, to the IRP membership for a review and comment period.
- Comments may be submitted to the repository prior to or at the open meeting.
- All proposed amendments will be discussed during the open meeting.
- Ballot sponsors have 45 days after the open meeting to resubmit the proposed amendment in final form to the repository for balloting.
- The resubmitted proposed amendment may include changes made by the sponsors based on comments received. The sponsors of the ballot shall designate the ballot as either a full-track ballot or a short-track ballot.
- Upon receipt of the amendment in final form, the repository shall assign the amendment a full-track ballot number or a short-track ballot number and send it to the IRP voting members (one per jurisdiction) for official vote.
- Any proposed amendment not officially balloted during the allotted time must be resubmitted in draft form to the repository for the next open meeting.
- Full-track ballots remain open for voting for 90 days.
- Short-track ballots remain open for voting for 30 days.
- Full-track ballots that pass become effective January 1 or July 1, whichever occurs first, 12 months after the close of voting period.
- Short-track ballots that pass become effective January 1 or April 1 or July 1 or October 1, whichever occurs first, six months after the close of the voting period.

BALLOT NUMBERING PROCESS:

Proposed ballots are numbered by year followed by the ballot in chronological order within that year (example: 05.01 would be the first proposed ballot submitted in 2005).

Full-track ballots are numbered in a sequence currently established by IRP, Inc. Ballots are identified as full-track ballots by the letters “FT” placed in front of the ballot number (example: Ballot FT-322).

Short-track ballots will also be numbered in sequence identified as such by the letters “ST” placed in front of the ballot number (example: Ballot ST-323).