

## **ARTICLE XIII**

## **LOCAL UNION CHARTERS**

Sec. 1. A L.U. may be organized by not less than ten (10) electrical workers or employees coming under the I.B.E.W.'s jurisdiction. The I.S.T. shall grant a charter when authorized by the I.P.

Sec. 2. The type of work and the territory or jurisdiction covered by a charter must be defined in approved local

union bylaws. The I.P. has the right and power to divide or change the territory or jurisdiction covered by any L.U., or to take charge of and direct certain jobs or projects in or passing through any territory, when in the judgment of the I.P. such should be done.

Sec. 3. The I.P. has the right and the power to merge or amalgamate L.U.'s in any community or section where the facts, developments or conditions—in the judgment of the I.P.—warrants such action, also to decide the terms or details of any merger or amalgamation when the L.U.'s involved cannot or do not agree.

Sec. 4. When a L.U. does not—in the judgment of the I.P.—organize or protect the jurisdiction or territory awarded it, then its charter may be suspended or revoked by the I.P. and a new L.U. established, or the jurisdiction or territory awarded to another L.U. or L.U.'s.

Sec. 5. When there is more than one branch of workers under I.B.E.W. jurisdiction represented in a L.U., the members of each branch shall define their own scale of wages, hours and working conditions.

(However, this section shall not apply when different branches, divisions or classifications come under one blanket agreement. When these come under one agreement they shall vote as a group.)

Sec. 6. Units may be established within a L.U. by provision in the L.U. bylaws when its jurisdiction covers more than one city, town or community, or includes in its membership, employees engaged in several of the branches, divisions or classifications of the electrical industry.

A unit is to assist the L.U. in giving service to the membership and shall have no power or duties not provided in the L.U. bylaws. All unit officers and committees shall be under the supervision of the L.U. and its executive board.

Sec. 7. "A" and "BA" members may transfer from one type of membership to another in accordance with the bylaws of a L.U. but must retain such changed membership for not less than twelve (12) consecutive months, except when change is made necessary on account of transferring to a different type of work.

Sec. 8. The I.P. is empowered to authorize L.U.'s to cover such "A," "BA," or "A" and "BA" types of membership as, in his judgment, the progress of the I.B.E.W. demands. The authorized coverage shall be stated in the L.U. bylaws.

Sec. 9. Any employee engaged in work coming under the jurisdiction of I.B.E.W. charters, as above indicated and as interpreted by the I.P., may become a member of any L.U. subject to all the provisions of the Constitution.

Sec. 10. "BA" members shall not participate in the funds or benefits established and maintained under Article XI.