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sentation in Grand Lodges shall, without the express consent of such Subordinate Lodge, be deprived of such representation; and provided further, that representatives shall be members in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. *Election and Time of Service.*—The regular election of representatives shall take place within three calendar months of the time fixed for holding the Annual Session. In the absence of any special regulations made by the Grand Lodge the election shall take place at the first session of the official quarter in which the Grand Lodge meets. Written ballots shall be used, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. If vacancies occur, or a Lodge is entitled to additional representatives previous to any special session, an election may be held at any regular meeting, at least four weeks previous to said session, and the official returns to the Grand Lodge for the quarter next preceding any session shall be the basis upon which representatives may be elected to attend said session. The regular term of service shall be one year, but those elected to fill vacancies, and such additional representatives as may be elected prior to other than annual sessions, shall serve only until the next annual election. No Lodge can be represented by any but its own members, and a transfer of membership shall vacate a representative's seat.

SEC. 6. *Privileges of the Grand Lodge.*—The Grand Lodge may by By-law determine the qualifications and privileges of non-voting members. In the absence of such By-law all acting and Past Chief Templars, acting and Past Vice Templars, and all Deputies of the Grand Chief Templar, shall be entitled to the Grand Lodge degree as non-voting members.

SEC. 7. *Credentials.*—All representatives shall receive regularly attested certificates of election to this body. All members entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, under Section 6, shall receive a certificate of service from the Lodge to which said service was rendered, and this shall be their proper credentials, entitling them to seats in this Lodge, and the Grand Chief Templar's commission shall be the requisite credentials of Deputies. But no representatives or non-voting members can be admitted unless they are in possession of the current quarterly pass-word and present proper credentials.

SEC. 8. *Voting.*—All members specified in Section 3 of this