

**Proposed Amendment to the
University Interscholastic League Constitution and Contest Rules**

A. Brief Explanation of Proposed Amendment

This proposal would create a specific medium ensemble category for Mariachi.

B. Factual and Policy Justifications

At present Mariachi Ensembles enter the UIL Medium Ensemble Contest under the heading of “Experimental Ensembles”. This category is intended to encompass any ensemble that does not fit the traditional expectations for instrumental and/or vocal ensembles. The addition of a Mariachi category would serve to identify this medium of ethnic music in a more specific fashion and allow for the development of specific expectations that are characteristics of Mariachi ensembles.

C. Proposed Amendment

Section 1109 of the UIL *Constitution and Contest Rules* will be amended as follows effective August 1, 2008, pending approval by the Commissioner of Education:

Section 1109: MEDIUM ENSEMBLES

- (d) **MARIACHI EVENTS. MARIACHI ENSEMBLES SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF 11 AND A MAXIMUM OF 24 VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS WITH NO MORE THAN TWO PERFORMERS PER PART. MARIACHI MEDIUM ENSEMBLES (EVENT CODE IN PARENTHESES) WILL COMPETE IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES.**
- (1) **TRADITIONAL MARIACHI THAT CONFORMS TO TRADITIONAL MARIACHI INSTRUMENTATION AND PART DISTRIBUTION (900).**
 - (2) **EXPERIMENTAL ENSEMBLE THAT DEMONSTRATES THE MARIACHI PERFORMANCE TRADITION BUT WITH NO REQUIREMENTS IN TERMS OF INSTRUMENTATION AND/OR PART DISTRIBUTION (910).**

D. Legislative Council Consideration; Effective Date

If approved by the Legislative Council and the Commissioner of Education, this amendment shall be effective August 1, 2008.