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Abstract

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1. Introduction

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2. Changes to RFC 3777 (BCP 10)

BCP 10 is modified as follows:

- A new section is added, containing the text of the Mid-Term Vacancy (Section 3) section, below.

3. Mid-Term Vacancy

The process of filling a mid-term vacancy is specified in Section 5 of [RFC3777](BCP10).

3.1. Definition

A mid-term vacancy occurs in the IAB, IESG or IAOC when a sitting member of that body ceases to participate in its activities. Vacancy can occur due to death, resignation, or sustained absence.

3.2. Determination

The IETF body of which the sitting member is a part will determine that the sitting member has vacated their position. In the case of vacancy due to uncontested, sustained absence, the body will make multiple different queries to the member, to determine the cause and likely duration of the absence. For a contested, sustained absence, the existing Member Recall process, as specified in Section 7 of [RFC3777], is required.

A two-thirds majority vote of the IETF body is needed to determine that a vacancy exists.

3.3. Confirmation

For vacancies due to death or resignation, no further action is required, to declare the seat vacant.

For vacancies due to uncontested, sustained absence, the IETF body making that determination will issue an Extended Last Call to the community. The Last Call will explain the basis for declaring the position vacant and include a summary of efforts to contact the member to resolve the issue.

The results of the Last Call are assessed by the IETF body, with a two-thirds vote of the body.

4. Security Considerations

This document carries no security concerns.

5. References - Normative

[RFC3777] Galvin, J., Ed., "IAB and IESG Selection, Confirmation, and Recall Process: Operation of the Nominating and Recall Committees", rfc 3777, BCP 10, June 3004.

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