

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
WASHINGTON

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 34

Supplement 2

Subject: Community Evacuee Government
Election of Aliens

- I. Although it is the policy of the War Relocation Authority to encourage all evacuees, both citizen and alien, to apply for indefinite leave for the purpose of relocating outside relocation centers, more citizen evacuees than alien evacuees have applied for indefinite leave, and this trend may continue. Furthermore, we anticipate that many of the more mature leaders among the citizen evacuees who have taken an active part in community affairs will be among the evacuees who will depart from the relocation centers on indefinite leave within the near future. As this occurs, the alien evacuees as a group may soon constitute the majority of the mature population of the centers. It is therefore advisable to modify the policy heretofore followed of restricting eligibility to hold elective office to citizens.
- II. The last sentence of Section I of Administrative Instruction No. 34 is hereby amended to read as follows.

"In providing for such temporary government, the Project Directors shall follow the Director's memorandum of June 5, 1942, except that both citizens and aliens shall be eligible to hold elective office, the voting age shall be 18 years, and the person receiving the highest vote in each block shall be declared elected."
- III. Section III, Paragraph B, of Administrative Instruction No. 34 is hereby revised to read as follows:

"B. All persons who are 21 years of age or over, whether citizens or aliens, shall be eligible to hold elective office."
- IV. The provisions of this supplement do not require new elections to be held immediately for all elective offices. The eligibility requirements for elective office, as herein amended, shall apply at the next regular election or the next special election to fill a vacancy.
- V. If the evacuees at relocation centers that have already adopted a permanent plan of government wish to amend those plans of government in order to make the eligibility requirements for holding elective office conform to the provisions of this supplement, they may do so in accordance with the procedure provided for amending their permanent plan of government. This supplement, however, does not require that such an amendment be made.

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