# Article IV - v0.3.0 Draft EOS.IO Constitution - Voter Independence[[1]](#footnote-1)

# Purpose

As previously discussed in the [Design Principles](https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/424/design-principles-of-my-v0-1-draft-eos-io-constitution) of this Draft, the EOSIO Software will provide a mechanism for Token Holders electing Block Producers. Voting will be by weight of staked tokens as detailed elsewhere.

# Text of Article

No Member shall offer nor accept anything of value in exchange for a vote of any type, including for Block Producer candidates, Amendments or Worker Proposals, nor shall any Member unduly influence the vote of another.

# Discussion

Votes represent a public good. When a token holder takes the time to become informed and cast a wise vote, the whole chain benefits from this effort.

This topic has been discussed extensively, for example [here](https://medium.com/@thomas.cox_39839/whither-the-6-month-vote-lockup-f683d31d8de2) and [here](https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/353/why-paying-for-votes-is-bad).

# References

none yet

## History of Changes

03-May-2018: reworded article from **old**:

* No Member shall accept anything of value in exchange for a vote of any type, including Block Producer candidates or Worker Proposals. Penalties for violation may include, but are not limited to, fines, account freezing, and reversal of transactions.

to **new**:

* No Member shall offer nor accept anything of value in exchange for a vote of any type, including for Block Producer candidates, Amendments or Worker Proposals, nor shall any Member unduly influence the vote of another.

Renamed article from 'No Buying or Selling of Votes' to 'Voter Independence'

1. https://forums.eosgo.io/discussion/646/article-iv-v0-3-0-draft-eos-io-constitution-voter-independence [↑](#footnote-ref-1)