Affiliate Articles

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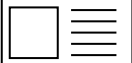
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Allow Comments? ● No ○ Yes

Comment Period: [   ] To: [   ]

Allow Voting? ● No ○ Yes

Voting Period: [   ] To: [   ]

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An article contains text and is entered through an editor (like tiny-mce) that is accessible through the front-end of the site by the affiliate. The editor allows the author to alter the text by enlarging or decreasing the size of font, underlining or making words bold, italicized or normal.

Optionally, one graphic can be attached to an article, such as a picture and can be placed in one of 2 locations: top left or top right.

Each article has a start date/time and stop date/time that defines its publication life cycle. The default start date/time is immediately and the default end date/time is one calendar year from the start date. The author can change this through calendar controls. Once the stop date passes, the article can remain in the repository, but is not displayed to users. It can, however, be pulled up on a search. Until the start date/time has occurred, the article is not available to view or to search on. This will allow content producers to stage new content ahead of time and have it auto-publish.

Authors can publish content to one of 4 sections: News, Bulletins, Sponsorship or Bills/Petition. That way content can be logically arranged on the affiliate page.

A radio button with 2 options is displayed to the author which determines whether users can comment on the article or not Option1, which is the default, does NOT allow comments. Option 2 can be selected to allow comments by signed in users.

Optionally, the author can define a period during which comments are accepted. Comments will only be accepted during this time period.

An article can also contain a PDF attachment. This is useful for larger content pieces or even petitions.

A second radio button with 2 options is displayed to the author which determines whether users may vote on the article. Option 1, which is the default, does NOT allow for voting. Option 2 can be selected to allow voting by any user class that is greater than the basic (free) user class. "Free" user/members are not allowed to vote on content and cannot comment on content. Votes should be categorized as follows: users who are validated by Cicero are known as "validated" users, other user classes that are NOT the base class (free) and are not validated by Cicero are known as "unvalidated" users. The affiliate will have an opportunity to see the number and percentage of each vote by category (ex. 2,523 (19%) unvalidated users voted "Yes" on the petition, 10,575 (79%) unvalidated users voted "No" on the petition and 173 (.01%) unvalidated users abstained... and then similar figures for "validated users"). ERs will receive only percentages (not numbers) and only validated users. Affiliates sponsoring the petition will see both numbers and percentages for unvalidated and validated users.

Please note that when an article is marked to allow comments OR is marked to allow voting, it should warn the author that once a comment or vote has been placed, they will not be able to alter the content of the article or any of its attachments.

Optionally, when an article is marked to allow voting, the author will be presented with one additional field: a textbox to enter the bill number. This should display the summary information from Statenet and a link to the bill to allow the author to verify that they entered the correct bill number. If this is entered, the Statenet summary, bill sponsors, etc should be linked to the article so when a user is viewing it, all the information relative to the bill is displayed along with a link to read the full content of the bill. This then generates what is known as a bill resource page.

The voting will also have a defined time period/life cycle. The default start date/time is immediately and the default end date/time should be determined by when the bill is scheduled for a vote, less a few days, to allow ample time to get the critical information into the hands of the ERs.