



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
RATIFICATION OF HL7 BYLAWS  
20220106  
FOR THE JANUARY 2026 BALLOT CYCLE**

**December 19, 2025**

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Normative ballot to reaffirm the following HL7 American National Standard (ANS):

**Ratification of HL7 Bylaws 20220106 (RATIFY\_HL7\_BYLAWS\_E1\_N1\_2026JAN)**

This ballot is being conducted in accordance with the rules in HL7 ER section 02 for a Normative Ballot in order to periodically ratify the HL7 Bylaws.

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:

Should the HL7 Bylaws effective 2022-01-06 be ratified by the membership?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of ratification of the Bylaws
- **Negative** – Indicates support of revising the Bylaws. If you support withdrawal, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the Bylaws under review, please refer to the Balloting Procedures section further down in this announcement.

**Review Group Pool Signup**

Pool sign up is closed.

**Review Group Ballot Open/Close Dates**

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

***Review Group Ballot Open Date: Friday, December 19, 2025***

***Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, January 19, 2026***

**Ballot Document**

HL7 Board of Directors announces the ballot opening for the following item:

***Ratification of HL7 Bylaws 20220106*** [Project ID 1946, 1<sup>st</sup> Normative Ballot]

The HL7 Bylaws stipulate and identify the formal name, purpose, objective and approach of HL7 as an ASD-Accredited Standards Development Organization; sections include: membership; dues, fees and donations; participation; governance and many more.

Unique Ballot ID: RATIFY\_HL7\_BYLAWS\_E1\_N1\_2026JAN

### **General Guidelines**

The standard under consideration is available to HL7 members and non-members as a page from the HL7 web site with the link: <https://www.hl7.org/about/bylaws.cfm>.

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting.

**Unique Ballot IDs:** Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

**For more information on Balloting Procedures and Guidelines, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/-wohAg>.**

**For Other Balloting Help, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/XQghAg>**

**OTHER ISSUES** - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact Lynn Laakso (lynn@HL7.org), Technical Publications Manager, or Webmaster@HL7.org.