Amending the Egyptian Constitution

The President of the Republic submits a request to amend the constitution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The request must include which articles are being proposed to be amended and why.

The request is referred to the House's General Committee to produce a report that addresses the proposal's compliance with Article 226 of the constitution and any suggestions for the amendments. The report must then be presented to the General Committee with at least two-thirds of its members present, voted on, and approved by a simple majority of its members.

If a majority does vote to adopt in principle, then the request and the General Committee's report is sent to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee. The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee prepares a report on the matter that includes a text of the amendments for the House. During the drafting process, other members of the House may submit materials for the committee's consideration via the Speaker. The committee's ultimate report is voted on in a session with at least two-thirds of the committee's members present, and must be approved by a simple majority of its members.

The Speaker presents this report to the House. The House then makes a decision on the request after hearing the General Committee representative, ten voices in favor of the request, and ten voices against the request. If the House approves the request, the General Committee writes a report on the matter. It can also propose a text of the amendments for consideration.

The report is voted on by the General Committee with at least two-thirds of its members present and approved by a simple majority of its members.

The report of the General Committee is read to the House. The House votes on whether to adopt fully, adopt partially, or reject the amendment request in principle.

If the request does not receive a simple majority of the votes necessary, the Speaker announces that the request has not been successful and the request cannot be discussed again until the next parliamentary session.

The President of the Republic is informed of this decision and sent a memorandum explaining the decision.