

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 618  
(A-22)

Introduced by: Oklahoma

Subject: Extending the Delegate Apportionment Freeze During COVID-19 Pandemic

Referred to: Reference Committee F

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- 1 Whereas, The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for physicians and the practice of  
2 medicine; many physicians have elected not to renew their memberships in organized medicine  
3 due to numerous reasons; and  
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- 5 Whereas, 40% of the Oklahoma State Medical Association active dues paying members in 2021  
6 and 36% in 2022 took a self-determined 50% dues reduction for the COVID-19 hardship; and  
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- 8 Whereas, Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many state and specialty associations have not  
9 been able to meet in person to utilize their usual platforms to promote the importance of  
10 organized medicine; and  
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- 12 Whereas, At the November 2020 Special Meeting, the House of Delegates asked that our AMA  
13 extend the current grace period from one year to two years for losing a delegate from a state  
14 medical or national medical specialty society until the end of 2022; and  
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- 16 Whereas, The “freeze” adopted at November 2020 meeting proved to benefit 22 states,  
17 Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas,  
18 Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania,  
19 Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, and Washington(1); and  
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- 21 Whereas, The current freeze has left the overall size of the House of Delegates unchanged and  
22 will seat 693 delegates during 2022(2); and  
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- 24 Whereas, Many states and specialty societies have continued to have decreased AMA  
25 membership; therefore be it  
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- 27 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association extend the current delegate apportionment  
28 freeze for losing a delegate from a state medical or specialty society until the end of 2023.  
29 (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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References

1. <https://www.mag.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-Delegate-Apportionment-States.pdf>
2. <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2022-delegate-apportionment-memos.pdf>