

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 609
(A-24)

Introduced by: Texas

Subject: Standardization of the Endorsement Process

Referred to: Reference Committee F

1 Whereas, the American Medical Association has put more emphasis on creating an equal
2 playing field for all candidates for elected positions by changing a slew of election policies over
3 the past couple of years to help elect candidates based upon merit above anything else; and
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5 Whereas, the standardization of the election process has not included the endorsement process
6 overall; and
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8 Whereas, those groups with more available resources have a slight advantage in handling the
9 burden of work to gather the information, which changes every election cycle, needed to seek
10 an endorsement from the plethora of entities that give endorsements in the House of Delegates
11 (HOD); and
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13 Whereas, the HOD appears to believe that endorsements are worth the time and effort to seek
14 and could potentially gain voters; and
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16 Whereas, creating a process that provides information about every group that endorses
17 candidates could help lessen the burden on smaller candidate campaign teams and create a
18 more fair election environment; and
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20 Whereas, the amount of time wasted seeking an endorsement from a group that actually
21 doesn't endorse a certain race could have been spent better elsewhere; therefore be it
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23 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association require all groups that endorse candidates
24 turn in information about their endorsement process, the deadline, and a staff contact for
25 applications in a timely and streamlined manner (New HOD Policy); and be it further
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27 RESOLVED, that our AMA then post this information on the election website in a timely manner,
28 with the information being easily digestible and accessible (Directive to Take Action); and be it
29 further
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31 RESOLVED, that our AMA not allow any group that fails to provide this information in a timely
32 manner to offer an endorsement during that election cycle (New HOD Policy); and be it further
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34 RESOLVED, that our AMA create a specific period (similar to virtual elections) during which
35 endorsements may be sought. (New HOD Policy)
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Fiscal Note: Modest - between \$1,000 - \$5,000

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