Whereas, Delegate votes on AMA elections should be based upon each delegate’s belief of which candidate is most qualified for the elected office; and

Whereas, Our AMA election reforms which were adopted in 2021 are scheduled to be reviewed for report back to the HOD after June 2023; and

Whereas, Currently seated board and council members who seek election to a higher office while in the middle of said member’s current term provides an unfair advantage to said member in elections by opening up an “additional” seat of said council/board; and

Whereas, If a currently seated council or board member is considered to be resigning from the currently held position upon completion of the upcoming Annual HOD meeting at which they would be elected to or appointed to a new office, then the advantage is negated as the opening of the candidate’s current position will occur regardless of the election outcome for the currently seated board or council member; and

Whereas, The work of our AMA councils and Board of Trustees remains critical for the improvement of the practice of medicine and our patients’ health outcomes; and

Whereas, Our AMA and our patients deserve the most qualified candidates who have fully participated in the election process in order to help achieve the best outcomes for both; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our AMA amend operating procedures and bylaws as needed to assure that any currently seated member of an appointed or elected council who announces and seeks another elected or appointed office prior to completion of said member’s current term shall be deemed to have resigned from the member’s current council/board term effective upon completion of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates at which the member has run for another office. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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