AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 607
(I-22)

Introduced by: Texas

Subject: Accountability for Election Rules Violations

Referred to: Reference Committee F

Whereas, Our American Medical Association has a strong code of ethics; and

Whereas, Our AMA requires honesty and good citizenship of all its physician members; and

Whereas, Our AMA has election rules adjudicated by an Election Committee; and

Whereas, Accountability for violations of such rules is ill-defined; and

Whereas, The Election Committee’s current structure has not been effective in discouraging violations of the election rules; and

Whereas, The current penalty for a serious elections rules violation is limited to an announcement of such violation to the House of Delegates; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association empower the Election Committee to develop a list of appropriate penalties for candidates and caucus/delegation/section leadership who violate election rules (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Election Committee define potential election rule violations as minor (oversight or misinterpretation of rules), moderate (more serious and more likely to affect the outcome of an election), and severe (intentional violation with high likelihood of affecting the outcome of an election) and assign appropriate penalties or actions to remedy the situation and/or report the violation to the House of Delegates (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That any candidate who is deemed to have violated the vote trading election rule be disqualified from the current race as well as any future races at the AMA for a period not less than 2 years, upon the recommendation of the Election Committee and approval of the full House of Delegates (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That any caucus/delegation/section leadership that is found to have engaged in vote trading shall not be allowed to sponsor any candidates for a period not less than 2 years (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That anyone who is deemed by the Election Committee to have knowingly and egregiously violated the vote trading rule be referred to the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs for potential ethics violations. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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