

**Missouri State Medical Association  
House of Delegates**

Resolution # 2  
(A-24)

Introduced by:           Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

Subject:                    Bylaws Change - AMA Delegation

Referred to:

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1   **WHEREAS**, the MSMA Bylaws is the governing document of the Missouri State Medical Association  
2   (MSMA); and,  
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4   **WHEREAS**, Chapter III, Section 11, of the Bylaws gives the MSMA House of Delegates the authority to  
5   elect delegates to the American Medical Association; and,  
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7   **WHEREAS**, AMA delegates may only serve a total of eight years on the delegation; and,  
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9   **WHEREAS**, AMA delegates term limitations should be extended if a delegate is serving in a leadership  
10  role at the AMA; and,  
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12  **WHEREAS**, MSMA needs a formal process for removing a delegate when required by the AMA; and,  
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14  **WHEREAS**, nonprofit organizations should update their bylaws in a timely fashion to ensure compliance  
15  with federal and state law and current internal governance practices, and to ensure sound governance  
16  policies are in place; and,  
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18  **WHEREAS**, this proposed Bylaws change does not require a change to the MSMA Constitution;  
19  therefore, be it,  
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21  **RESOLVED**, that the MSMA Bylaws, Chapter III, Section 11, be amended as follows:  
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23  The House of Delegates shall elect Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the House of Delegates of the  
24  American Medical Association in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of that body. MSMA  
25  members may serve a maximum of eight years as an AMA Delegate; however, **MSMA members who are**  
26  **elected to serve on** ~~[term limits are suspended while serving as a member of]~~ an AMA House of  
27  Delegates Council, **the AMA Board of Trustees, or the AMPAC Board of Directors may serve more than**  
28  **eight years until their term on the AMA Council or Board on which they serve has ended. If the AMA**  
29  **Bylaws require the number of MSMA delegates and/or alternate delegates to be reduced, the most**  
30  **recently elected delegate and/or alternate delegate who is not a medical student shall withdraw from**  
31  **the delegation.**

Fiscal Note:    None

Current Policy:

