

**Missouri State Medical Association
House of Delegates**

Resolution # 3
(A-24)

Introduced by: Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

Subject: Bylaws Change - Retired Membership Status

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 I, Section 2, of the Bylaws describes the six classes of MSMA membership; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, Retired members of MSMA are required to be at least 68 years of age; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the pandemic has led to a number of physicians electing to retire early; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the age-68 policy has inhibited some retired physicians from joining MSMA; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, nonprofit organizations should update their bylaws in a timely fashion to ensure compliance
13 with federal and state law and current internal governance practices, and to ensure sound governance
14 policies are in place; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, this proposed Bylaws change does not require a change to the MSMA Constitution;
17 therefore, be it,
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19 **RESOLVED**, that the MSMA Bylaws, Chapter I, Section 2, be amended as follows:

20 Retired members shall be limited to physicians who have ~~reached the age of 68 and have~~ retired from
21 the practice of medicine and other healthcare-related employment. Association members must request
22 retired status. Retired members may not serve as officers, councilors, vice-councilors, AMA delegates,
23 or AMA alternate delegates. They shall enjoy all other privileges of active membership.

Fiscal Note: None

Current Policy: