INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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SUBJECT: AMA DELEGATION BECOMING A COMMITTEE OF THE TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Whereas, Current Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) Bylaw Chapter III, Section 7, requires that the TMA Nominating Committee choose a slate of candidates for the TMA American Medical Association (AMA) delegation to the AMA House of Delegates to be elected by the general membership of the TMA; and

Whereas, Current interpretation of the TMA Bylaws suggests that the TMA AMA delegation, although not specifically designated, is considered a section of TMA rather than as a committee of the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, The AMA delegation is a representative extension of the TMA membership and Tennessee AMA members; and

Whereas, The AMA delegation expenses are determined by the TMA Board of Trustees as a portion of the Association’s annual budget; and

Whereas, The work of the AMA delegation is a direct extension of the Association’s long range strategic plan; and

Whereas, In order to promote more accountability and to formalize the relationship between the AMA delegation to the TMA membership, the oversight responsibilities should be bestowed on the TMA Board of Trustees. Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Bylaws be amended to make the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) Delegation to the American Medical Association a committee under the auspices of the TMA Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Bylaw Chapter III, Section 7 be amended by insertion and deletion as follows:

Sec. 7. The active dues-paying and veteran membership at large shall elect representatives to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association from a slate of nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee. The Board of Trustees shall appoint the members of the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) American Medical Association (AMA)
delegation in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the AMA for terms of two years and such delegation shall be a committee of the Board of Trustees. To be eligible to serve on the TMA AMA delegation, one must have been a member of TMA for the five consecutive years prior to election. The Association shall pay the reasonable expenses of each member of the delegation representing the Association at the American Medical Association meetings. Reasonable expenses shall be determined by the Board of Trustees; and be it further

**RESOLVED.** That Bylaw Chapter IV, Section B.2 be amended by deletion as follows:

Sec. 2. By September 1 …

f) By December 1 of each year, submit nominees to the chief executive officer for open positions for: speaker and vice-speaker of the TMA House of Delegates, president-elect, AMA delegation, councilors, and board of trustees; and be it further

**RESOLVED.** That Bylaw Chapter IV, Section B.4 be amended by deletion as follows:

Sec.4. In the membership-at-large balloting for president-elect, if no one receives a majority of the votes cast, the top two vote recipients shall be in a runoff to decide the election. There will be no runoff balloting for AMA Delegation, Councilors, or Board of Trustees unless there is a tie for the most votes received. All ballots for president-elect, AMA—Delegation, and Councilors, except for runoff ballots, shall be designed to allow members to indicate “write in” votes; and be it further

**RESOLVED.** That Bylaw Chapter IV, section C.4 be amended by deletion as follows:

Sec.4. In the event of the death, resignation, disability, or removal of any officer of this Association, other than the president or a member of the Board of Trustees, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the Board of Trustees and the officer so appointed shall serve until the next election. This shall include delegates and alternate delegates to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

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