

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017
RESOLUTION: A1**

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SUBJECT: Process of Chartering Chapters

TYPE: Resolution of Constitution & Bylaws

1 WHEREAS schools that are seeking to submit their chapter charter prior to each year’s national
2 convention to receive chapter approval by the BOT and ratification by the HOD (which only convenes
3 once per year at the national convention), and;

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5 WHEREAS many times potential chapters miss the deadline in order to become a chapter, and;

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7 WHEREAS chapters that miss the deadline must wait until the following year’s convention to be ratified
8 as a chapter;

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10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Bylaws, Article IV, Section II (p.5) be
11 amended to read:

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13 A charter shall be granted to the petitioning chapter upon approval ~~of the Board of Trustees and subject to~~
14 ~~ratification by a simple majority vote at the House of Delegates~~ **and ratification by the Board of Trustees**
15 **at any point during the year. This is to prevent a chapter from having to wait to be ratified during**
16 **convention by the HOD, which only convenes once per year.**

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18 Fiscal note: None

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21 **REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A**

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23 **DISCUSSION**

24 BOT: recommends to adopt as amended

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27 **Board of Trustees at any point during the year. This is to prevent a chapter from having to wait to**
28 ~~be ratified during convention by the HOD, which only convenes once per year.~~

29 BRD: N/A

30 PRD: Recommend to adopt as written

31 IRD: recommends to adopt as written
32 ACTE: recommends to adopt as written—approved by unanimous consent
33 Premedical Caucus: N/A

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35 Other Groups: Voted to NA

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37 **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

38 **PROS:** The line that was crossed in lined 13 and 14; alters the content of the original intent,
39 hence, irrelevant with respect to the PPP.

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41 **CONS:** No proposition testimony provided

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43 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

44 The majority of the regions and caucuses were for this resolution; the majority voted
45 unanimously to adopt resolution

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48 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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50 Adopt as amended

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