

**VERSION A (Redline)**

Proposed Bylaw Amendment to **Art. IV (D)(3)** (from pp. 32-33 of current Bylaws, May 18, 2018 ed.)

*IV. GOVERNANCE*

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D. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

1. Board of Governors

- a. The BOG acting as a board must not publicly support or oppose, in any election, any candidate for public office.
- b. The BOG acting as a board must not take a side or position publicly or authorize any officer or the Executive Director to take a side or position publicly on any issue being submitted to the voters or pending before the legislature, unless the matter is considered in public session at a meeting of the BOG with advance notice to the Bar's membership, and the following requirements are met:
  - 1) The BOG first votes to determine whether the issue is within the scope of GR 12.1; and
  - 2) If the BOG determines that the matter is within the scope of GR 12.1, then the BOG will vote to determine what position, if any, to adopt on the issue.
- c. The restriction applies fully to prohibit:
  - 1) the use of the name or logo of the Bar;
  - 2) the contribution of funds, facility use, or Bar staff time;
  - 3) participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign, or the campaign on either side of the issue.
- d. The restriction does not apply to matters that are exclusively related to the administration of the Bar's functions or to any issue put to a vote of the Bar's membership.

Notice of any BOG position or authorization to the President or Executive Director to take a position must be published on the Bar's website as soon as possible after the meeting at which the final action is taken.

2. President and President-elect

The President and President-elect must not publicly support or oppose, in an election, any candidate for public office. This restriction applies fully to prohibit:

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- a. the use of the President's and President-elect's name,
- b. the contribution of funds, or
- c. participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign.

Further, the President and President-elect must not take a side publicly on any issue being submitted to the voters, pending before the legislature or otherwise in the public domain except when specifically authorized or instructed by the BOG to do so on a matter relating to the function or purposes of the Bar.

3. Governors, other Officers, and Executive Director

Governors, other officers, and the Executive Director must not publicly support or oppose, in an election, any candidate for public elective office in the State of Washington the prerequisites for which include being an attorney, or any position on the Board of Governors, except where the candidate is a member of that person's immediate family. This restriction applies fully to prohibit:

- a. the use of the Governor's, officer's, or Executive Director's name,
- b. the contribution of funds, or
- c. participation or support to any degree in the candidate's campaign.

The term "immediate family" as used in this Article includes a sibling, parent, spouse, domestic partner, child and the child of a spouse or domestic partner.

4. Other

If any officer, Governor, or the Executive Director supports or opposes any candidate or issue as permitted in this Article, then that person must not state or imply that he or she is acting in his or her capacity as officer, Governor or Executive Director of the Bar unless specifically authorized to do so by the BOG.

5. Letterhead

Use of Bar letterhead is limited to official business of the Bar and specifically must not be used for personal or charitable purposes, or in connection with any political campaign or to support or oppose any political candidate. Bar letterhead must not be used to support or oppose any public issue unless the BOG has taken a position on the issue.