

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments – The Sections
(Art. XI)**

These amendments are intended to clarify and protect certain advocacy rights for Sections and increase flexibility in the timing of elections consistent with concerns about which the WSBA staff is already aware and in agreement.

REDLINE PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

XI. SECTIONS

E. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

1. Sections are subject to all Bar Bylaws, policies, and procedures. However, no Bar Bylaw, policy, or procedure shall act as a prior restraint that would prevent a section from commenting or issuing a position on a public matter, so long as:

a. Such position has been approved by the Section’s Executive Committee;

b. The Section has promulgated Bylaws providing for reasonable comment and feedback on the issue from its members; and

c. The Section makes explicitly clear in all communications that its position is not that of the WSBA as a whole, but only that of the Section, and that the position is not endorsed by the WSBA as a whole.

G. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

3. Timing. Nominations and elections for open section executive committee ~~persons~~positions will be held ~~between March and May~~no later than June 30th of each year.