

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT
ARTICLE II, HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

1 **Section 3. Delegates**

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3 A. Delegates Representing Affiliated Associations.

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5 1. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) of its
6 members and optometric educator members, except that any student, honorary, or associate
7 members shall not be counted at all, and any members, except optometric educator members,
8 who pay less than the full active member dues (not taking into account the reductions in dues
9 permitted under Paragraphs C.8., E and F of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws) shall be
10 counted as one-half (1/2) member. A member shall only be eligible to be counted in the
11 foregoing calculation if the proper amount of dues owed by that member for the Last Quarter (as
12 defined in Article II, Section 11) and all previous financial quarters have been paid and received
13 (not merely postmarked) at this Association by the Credentialing Deadline (as defined in Article
14 II, Section 11). Any member who receives any dues waiver pursuant to the process described in
15 Paragraph F of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws shall not be counted for credentialing
16 purposes during the year following the year in which the waiver applied. However, an affiliated
17 association having less than fifty (50) members under the foregoing calculation shall nonetheless
18 be entitled to one (1) regular delegate.

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20 **Section 5. Voting and Debates**

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22 A. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the
23 House for each ten (10) of its members and optometric educator members, except that any
24 student, honorary, or associate members shall not be counted at all, and any members, except
25 optometric educator members, who pay less than the full active member dues (not taking into
26 account the reductions in dues permitted under Paragraphs C.8., E and F of Section 2 of Article I
27 of these Bylaws) shall be counted as one-half (1/2) member. A member shall only be eligible to
28 be counted in the foregoing calculation if the proper amount of dues owed by that member for
29 the Last Quarter (as defined in Article II, Section 11) and all previous financial quarters have
30 been paid and received (not merely postmarked) at this Association by the Credentialing
31 Deadline (as defined in Article II, Section 11). Any member who receives any dues waiver
32 pursuant to the process described in Paragraph F of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws shall
33 not be counted for credentialing purposes during the year following the year in which the waiver
34 applied. However, each affiliated association shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The
35 voting strength of the delegations representing each affiliate association shall be determined from
36 the records of this Association as of the last Business Day of the Last Quarter (as defined in
37 Article II, Section 11). The delegation representing the student members shall be entitled to
38 three (3) votes on any matter coming before the House. The total vote of each delegation may be
39 cast by its delegate or delegates present when the vote is called.

EXPLANATION:

- If this amendment is adopted, members who receive dues waivers for reason of economic misfortune or partial or total disability, or as part of a special pilot program, will not count toward an affiliated associations total membership count for purposes of determining the number of delegates or votes at House of Delegates in the calendar year following the calendar year to which the waiver applied.

NOTE: Wording to be deleted ~~lined-out~~.
Wording to be added underscored.

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