

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT
ARTICLE V, COUNCILS**

Section 1. Accreditation Council on Optometric Education

A. The Accreditation Council on Optometric Education shall be composed of eleven (11) members, nine (9) of whom shall be members of this Association. With respect to the members of the Council who are members of this Association: Three (3) members shall be optometrists of outstanding professional experience who are not compensated administrators, faculty or consultants of, or affiliated with the governance of any school or college of optometry and who are not members of a state board of optometric examiners, one (1) of whom shall be an optometrist employed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; two (2) shall be members of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (“ARBO”) at the time of their initial appointment; two (2) shall be optometrists associated with optometric educational institutions accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education; one (1) shall be an optometrist who is either a graduate of an accredited residency program, director of an accredited residency program or a faculty member who is teaching in an accredited residency program; and one (1) shall be associated with an optometric technician program accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education or a graduate of such a program. The members of the Council who are not members of this Association shall be public members who meet the requirements specified by the agencies that formally recognize the Council as an accrediting body.

EXPLANATION:

- If this amendment is adopted, at least one member of the Council will be required to be an employee of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This individual will be one of the three Council members who are required not to be affiliated with a school of optometry or state board of optometric examiners.

NOTE: Wording to be added underlined

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