

Certificate of Bylaw Amendment

I, Larry J. Martin, the Executive Director of the State Bar of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the following bylaw amendment resolutions were duly voted on by the Board of Governors on June 9, 2021, and were approved by a unanimous vote.



Larry J. Martin

RESOLVED, that State Bar Bylaw Article VI be amended as follows:

Article VI Section Organization and Activities

Section 1. Establishment, Consolidation and Discontinuance of Sections. ~~Upon approval of an application for the establishment of a new section, the Board of Governors, by a vote of a majority of its members may establish such a section dedicated to a field of law not committed to any other section or committee of the Association. Every application to the Board of Governors for the establishment of a section shall set forth:~~

~~(a) The field of law to which the proposed section is to be dedicated, which shall be within the purposes of the State Bar and outside the field of law committed to any existing section or committee of the Association.~~

~~(b) A statement of the need for the proposed section.~~

~~(c) The proposed by laws for the government of such section.~~

~~(d) The names of the several committees, if any, of the proposed section.~~

~~(e) A list of members of the Association who have signified their intention of applying for membership in the proposed section.~~

(a) Establishment of Section. A section may be established by the Board of Governors if the proposed section is dedicated to a field of law or area of practice or interest related to the practice of law that is consistent with the purposes of the State bar.

(1) Content of Application. An application to the Board of Governors for establishment of a section may be filed with the Executive Director by a State Bar member. Each such

application shall set forth: (i) the field of law or area of practice or interest related to the proposed section; (ii) a statement of the need for the proposed section; (iii) whether the section intends to lobby; (iv) the proposed bylaws for the governance of such section; (v) a list of State Bar members who have signified their intent to apply for membership in the proposed section; and (vi) any other relevant information.

(2) Consideration by Board of Governors. An application for establishment of a section shall be granted by the affirmative vote of 60 percent of the total membership of the Board of Governors after consideration of the position of the Section Leaders Council on the issue.

(3) Criteria. When reviewing an application for establishment of a new section, the Board of Governors shall consider the following criteria: (i) whether any existing section covers the field of law or area of practice that will be related to the proposed section; (ii) whether the proposed section is consistent with the purposes of the State Bar; (iii) the level of interest by State Bar members in the proposed section; and (iv) if the section is to be a lobbying section, whether the membership will be large enough to support the cost of such lobbying through its dues.

(b) Consolidation of Sections. An application for ~~the~~ consolidation of ~~existing~~ sections may be filed with the Executive Director by any voting State Bar member. Such proposal shall set forth the ~~information required in the case of an application for establishing a section. Such an~~ reasons for the proposed consolidation. An application for consolidation may be granted by the ~~Board of Governors in its discretion, by~~ affirmative vote of ~~a majority~~ 60 percent of the ~~members~~ total membership of the Board of Governors, ~~but only~~ after consideration of the position of the Section Leaders Council on the issue and after reasonable notice ~~by mail to the members of such section. A section may be discontinued by vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Governors but only after notice by mail to the members of such section~~ to the members of each section proposed to be consolidated.

Section 2. Membership ~~of Sections.~~ Any ~~member of the~~ State Bar ~~shall be entitled at the member's election to~~ member may enroll in ~~any~~ a section, subject to membership requirements imposed by the section.

Section 3. Section ~~Officers and Council~~ Governance.

(a) Bylaws. Each section shall ~~have a chairperson and council and such other officers as the section bylaws may provide. The council of a section shall consist of the officers ex officio~~

~~and such other members as may be provided in the by-laws. No change in the by-laws of any section shall be effective until approved~~ be governed by its own bylaws not inconsistent with the State Bar Bylaws. The section bylaws and any amendments thereto shall become effective when the Board of Governors approves them. Any section that intends to engage in lobbying or other public policy activity must adopt lobbying-related bylaws as established by the Board of Governors.

~~Section 4.~~ (b) Section Dues. The members of any section may be required to pay section dues in such amount and for such purposes as the section, with the approval of the Board of Governors, may from time to time determine.

~~Section 5.~~ (c) Section Meetings. The officers and directors of each section shall arrange for meetings ~~of the section in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Bar. Special meetings may be held~~ at such times and places as the section ~~boards~~ board and officers may determine.

~~Section 6.~~ (d) Reports. Each section shall submit to the Board of Governors ~~prior to the annual meeting of the Association in each year~~ a report of the activities of the section by a designated date.

Section 4. Section Leaders Council.

(a) Establishment and Composition. There is hereby established a Section Leaders Council (“SLC”), composed of one representative of each State Bar section. Each section board shall designate a representative according to SLC bylaws.

(b) Bylaws. The SLC shall be governed by bylaws not inconsistent with the State Bar Bylaws. The SLC bylaws and any amendments thereto shall become effective when the Board of Governors approves them.

Section 7 5. Expenses. Expenditures out of the dues of sections shall be made only by direction of the ~~council of the~~ section board; and the treasurer of the State Bar shall pay out of such dues only such amounts as the chairperson of the section shall certify to have been so authorized.