

1 **Standing Rule No. 4**

2 **Actions of House in Effect Until Altered By House**

3 **(Adopted October 15, 1961; Editorially Revised October 27, 1995)**

4 Any resolution or other action of this House of Delegates shall remain in effect until countermanded
5 or altered by the House of Delegates unless otherwise specified in the original action taken by the House
6 of Delegates.

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8 **Standing Rule No. 5**

9 **Voting Procedure of the House**

10 **(Revised October 23, 1972; & October 19, 1990; October 19, 2002;**

11 **Editorially Revised Nov. 6, 1981 & October 27, 1995)**

12 To expedite the work of the House, voting will be held during a recess of the House at a time or
13 times designated by the Speaker. Each delegate seated as of and including the second session of the
14 House will, during such recess, be certified by a member of the Committee on Rules and Credentials as a
15 delegate at a location, which will be announced by the Speaker. At that time the delegate will vote. The
16 opening and closing times of the polls will be announced by the Speaker.

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18 **Standing Rule No. 6**

19 **Procedure Regarding the Report of the Committee to Nominate**

20 **Delegates and Alternates to the AMA and Elections of**

21 **Delegates and Alternates**

22 **(Revised October 23, 1972; October 19, 1990; & October 27, 2001;**

23 **Editorially Revised Nov. 6, 1981; Revised October 21, 1994; Editorially Revised October 27, 1995)**

24 The report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA shall be supplied to
25 the delegates in their Official Reports Book material at the opening session. Nominating speeches may
26 only be one minute in length for any nominee who does not speak at the Luncheon to Meet the AMA
27 Delegate and Alternate Delegate Candidates. There will be no seconding speeches. All names on the
28 ballot shall be listed alphabetically with an asterisk denoting those being nominated by the nominating
29 committee.

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31 **Standing Rule No. 7**

32 **Procedure Regarding the Bullet Ballot**

33 **(October 18, 1991; Revised October 19, 2002)**

34 The 1991 House of Delegates, following an open hearing of the Reference Committee on Rules and
35 Credentials, approved the recommendation that the bullet ballot will, henceforth, be discontinued. It is
36 required that if there are multiple candidates for positions of equal rank, a vote for every position must be
37 cast. Failure to vote for all positions will invalidate the ballot.

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39 **Standing Rule No. 8**

40 **(Editorially Revised October 27, 1995; Revised October 16, 2005)**

41 The Speaker shall not recognize the motion to vote immediately or terminate debate as being "in
42 order" unless both sides of a pending item of business have been heard.

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44 **Standing Rule No. 9**

45 **Election Rules for Offices Requiring a Majority Vote**

46 **(Adopted October 22, 1982; Editorially Revised October 27, 1995)**

47 When a majority vote is not obtained by any one candidate on the first ballot, the names of the two
48 candidates receiving the most votes will remain on the ballot for the second vote if their combined total is
49 50 percent of those voting. If the first two candidates do not have at least 50 percent of the votes, the
50 candidate who received the third highest vote will be added to the ballot.

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3 **Standing Rule No. 10**
4 **Procedures for Nominating Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the AMA**
5 **(Adopted October 22, 1982; Revised October 21, 1994, and October 27, 2001;**
6 **Editorially Revised October 17, 1995; Amended October 20, 2007)**

7 The election of delegates and alternate delegates to the AMA shall allow a delegate, who is defeated,
8 to be a candidate for an alternate delegate seat, and an alternate who is defeated as a candidate for
9 delegate to be a candidate for an alternate delegate seat. In order to accomplish this, the election of
10 delegates will take place before the second session of the House. Alternate delegates who have not
11 completed year one of their two-year term and who wish to run for delegate must resign from their
12 unexpired term as alternate delegate. Election of alternate delegates will also occur before the final
13 scheduled session of the House.

14 **Standing Rule No. 11**
15 **(Adopted October 21, 1994; Editorially Revised October 27, 1995; Amended October 17, 1997, and**
16 **October 16, 1998)**

17 The Speaker shall appoint a sufficient number of delegates to act as sergeants-at-arms to maintain
18 security. The sergeants-at-arms shall also serve as the tellers.

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20 **Standing Rule No. 12**
21 **(Adopted October 21, 1994)**

22 There shall be a three-minute limit on debate per speaker from the House Floor.

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24 **Standing Rule No. 13**
25 **(Adopted October 18, 1996)**

26 Members of the House of Delegates who have a substantial financial interest in a commercial
27 enterprise, which interest will be materially affected by a matter before the House of Delegates, must
28 publicly disclose that interest before:

- 29 - testifying at a reference committee on the matter, or
30 - speaking on the floor of the House of Delegates on the matter.

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32 **Standing Rule No. 14**
33 **(Adopted October 18, 1996)**

34 All amendments five words or more in length must be handed to the Speaker in writing; however, it
35 is preferred that the amendment be taken to the Control Desk to be typed, duplicated, and distributed to
36 the House. This should be done in advance of the amendment being proposed from the floor, when
37 possible.

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39 **Standing Rule No. 15**
40 **(Adopted October 17, 1997)**

41 The Speaker shall have the option to present reference committee reports as a consent calendar.

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43 **Standing Rule No. 16**
44 **(Adopted October 13, 2000)**

45 The business of the House and its reference committees shall not be interrupted by the use of
46 electronic devices or the distribution of any materials or information unapproved by the Speaker during
47 the conduct of its business. All pagers, cellular telephones, and other electronic devices must be placed in
48 silent mode (e.g., vibrate or inactivated.)

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Standing Rule No. 17
Referral of Items of Business to the Board
(Adopted October 21, 2006)

Two subsidiary motions to refer items of business from the House of Delegates to the Board of Trustees shall be in order. A motion to “Refer for Study” shall outrank a motion to amend, and a motion to “Refer for Decision” shall outrank the motion to amend and the motion to refer for study. These motions require a second, are debatable, are amendable, and require a majority vote for adoption. The maker of these motions may not interrupt one who has the floor.

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