

PROPOSAL #41

BYLAWS – ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS Section 6. Time Frame of Elections		
Current Wording	Proposed Amendments	If Adopted, Will Read
(A) General elections shall be by secret ballot tri-annually (every three (3) years). (B) The term of office shall be effective July 1 of the year of the election.	(A) General elections shall be by secret ballot tri-annually (every three (3) years). (B) The term of office shall be effective July <u>June</u> 1 of the year of the election.	(A) General elections shall be by secret ballot tri-annually (every three (3) years). (B) The term of office shall be effective June 1 of the year of the election.

Proposed By: Daniel C. Levler

Rationale: Shorten the 3-month "lame duck" time span. Citing 2 examples: 1) 2012 General Election Ballot Count was April 4, 2012. Three months of "lame duck" status does great disservice to AME members. 2) 2015 General Election Ballot County was April 28, 2015; it was still 2 months "lame duck" status until duly elected Executive Board took over. Four to six weeks is ample time for outgoing Executive Board to finish its work and newly elected Executive Board to transition in and start working for membership.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Comments:

DISPOSITION:

Adopted:

Rejected:

Amended: _____

Referred: _____

Other: _____

Proposed Key:
 Underlined=insertions
 Strike Through=strike out



PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

To: The Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

Date: 9/16/15

The undersigned member submits for your consideration, the following proposal to amend the AME Constitution and By-Laws:

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Proposer: David C. Carter

Please Check One:

Constitution By-Law

Unit of Proposer (if applicable):

TITLE OF ARTICLE AND/OR SECTION TO BE AMENDED: ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS
SECTION 6. TIME FRAME OF ELECTIONS

State the exact **present** language which you are seeking to change: (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

(A) GENERAL ELECTIONS SHALL BE BY SECRET BALLOT TRI - ANNUALLY (EVERY THREE (3) YEARS). (B) THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION.

State the exact **new** language you wish to substitute for the present language: (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

(B) THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 OF THE YEAR OF THE ELECTION

Justification for Proposed Amendment. SHORTEN THE 3-MONTH "LAME DUCK" TIME SPAN. CITING 2 EXAMPLES: 1) 2012 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT COUNT WAS APRIL 4, 2012. THREE MONTHS OF "LAME DUCK" STATUS DOES GREAT DISSERVICE TO AME MEMBERS 2) 2015 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT COUNT WAS APRIL 28, 2015, IT WAS STILL TWO MONTHS "LAME DUCK" STATUS UNTIL DULY-ELECTED EXEC BOARD TOOK OVER FOUR TO SIX WEEKS IS AMPLE TIME FOR OUTGOING EXEC BOARD TO FINISH ITS WORK AND NEWLY-ELECTED EXEC. BOARD TO TRANSITION IN AND START WORKING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Signature of Member: [Signature]