2022 Proposed Amendment to Bylaws Section 2: Dissolution of Chapters

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WHEREAS chapters must wait up to a year to formally dissolve under the current system, we propose that the National Executive Committee be permitted to dissolve chapters without waiting for the National Convention.

**Original text:** If a chartered chapter's membership falls below eight members in good standing for a period of one year or more, the National Convention may withdraw the charter in accordance with the provisions of this section. Upon petition of three quarters of the members in good standing of a chapter or upon the petition of the National Executive Committee made to the convention that the chapter no longer is able or its members do not desire to function as a chapter because the chapter lacks sufficient membership, the Convention may determine that less than eight members in good standing desire to maintain the existence and functioning of the chapter. All members of the chapter shall become members-at-large.

**Proposed Language:** If a chartered chapter's membership falls below eight members in good standing for a period of one year or more, the National Executive Committee may withdraw the charter in accordance with the provisions of this section. Upon petition of three quarters of the members in good standing of a chapter that no longer is able or its members do not desire to function as a chapter because the chapter lacks sufficient membership, the National Executive Committee may determine that less than eight members in good standing desire to maintain the existence and functioning of the chapter and may continue to function. All members of dissolved chapters shall become members-at-large.

**Implementation:** The National Executive Committee and the National Office will implement this amendment. The NEC and NO have consented this amendment.

**Compliance with Bylaws Section 8.7:** The NEC consulted all chapters to request their consent to the proposed changes. The majority did not respond to the request.

Consented: Columbia Law School, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, University of Arizona College of Law, University of New Mexico School of Law, University of Oregon School of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Refused: Colorado, Massachusetts