

# PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS FOR 2002 ANNUAL CONFERENCE American Judges Association

The intent of these proposed amendments is to combine the positions of first and second vice-president into one position, vice-president. In order to do this, the Executive Committee requested that the secretary elected at the 2002 Annual Conference in Maui serve for two years; that the two vice-president positions be elected one final time at the 2002 Annual Conference; and that the single vice-president position be elected for the 2003-04 term of office at the 2003 Annual Conference. The vote required for Executive Committee action at present is six of nine votes (two-thirds); after the 2003 Annual Conference, the vote required would be five of eight votes (more than 50 percent). Text to be added is underlined; text to be deleted is struck through.

## Article VIII – Sec 1. OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. OFFICERS. The officers of this Association shall be the President, the President-Elect, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, however, effective for the 2003-2004 term of office and after, the officers of this Association shall be the President, the President-elect, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The following shall be elected by the members of the Association at the General Assembly of each Annual Conference by majority vote of those present and voting at such General Assembly: a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; and a Secretary. ~~—provided that~~ Where there are more than two candidates for any office and a majority vote is not cast for any one candidate, the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be removed from the ballot and additional ballots shall be cast accordingly until a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

## Article VIII – Sec. 1.(a)

~~(a) The President Elect, who shall become President of the Association upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Conference;~~

~~A First Vice President~~

~~A Second Vice President~~

~~A Secretary~~

(a) The President-Elect shall become President of the Association upon the adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Conference.

## Article VIII – Sec. 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

Sec. 4. TERMS OF OFFICE. Officers shall serve an annual term at the will of the Board of Governors beginning with the conclusion of the Conference at which elected, to the conclusion of the next succeeding Annual Conference, or until their successors are elected and qualified except the Treasurer who shall serve at the will of the Board of Governors beginning with the conclusion of the Board meeting at which elected, to the conclusion of the Board meeting provided for in Article VIII, 1(b) supra. However, only for the election at the 2002 Annual Conference, the term of office for Secretary shall be two years, notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws.

## Article VIII – Sec. 5(c). DUTIES.

(c) First Vice-President. The First Vice-President shall:

Perform such duties as shall be specifically directed by the President and/or the Board of Governors. Effective for the term of office for 2003-2004 and after, the positions and duties of First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be combined into the single position of Vice-President.

(d) Second Vice-President. The Second Vice-President shall:

Have the primary responsibility for maintaining relationships with all federal, state, provincial, and local organizations of Judges eligible for membership in this Association. Serve as Chair of the House of Delegates and shall be responsible for the appointment of the delegates annually, that the delegates meet annually, that the delegates are instructed in, and carry out, their responsibilities, and are informed concerning the Association, and shall report at each meeting of the Board of Governors and Executive Committee concerning the status of these duties and the activities and concerns of the delegates. Effective for the term of office for 2003-2004 and after, the positions and duties of First Vice-President and Second Vice-President shall be combined into the single position of Vice-President.

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