

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO "ARTICLE V - STATE BAR ELECTED OFFICERS"  
OF THE STATE BAR OF SOUTH DAKOTA BYLAWS**

5.1. **Officers.** The State Bar elected officers are President and President Elect (individually "State Bar Officer" and collectively "State Bar Officers"). Only Active Members may be elected to either of these offices.

5.2. **President Elect Nomination.** To qualify as a President Elect candidate, the candidate must be an Active Member and complete a nominating petition containing signatures of at least fifteen Active Members. Candidates must file completed nominating petitions with the Executive Director at least 10 days before the Annual Meeting.

5.2.5.3. **Installation, Election, and Term.** The President will install the President Elect as President before the Annual Meeting adjourns each year. The Active Members at the Annual Meeting will then, by majority vote, elect the next President Elect. The President will serve a one-year term. The President Elect will serve in that capacity until installed as President the following year.

5.3.5.4. **Duties.** The State Bar Officers' duties are as follows:

- a. **President.** The President may:
  - i. preside at all State Bar and Bar Commission meetings;
  - ii. execute, with the Executive Director, all State Bar contracts and instruments as authorized by the Bar Commission;
  - iii. appoint Members to standing and ad hoc committees;
  - iv. be an ex-officio, non-voting Member of all committees except as specified otherwise herein;
  - v. perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be assigned by the Bar Commission; and,
  - vi. perform the duties of the Executive Director in the event the Executive Director is unable to perform. The President may appoint someone to serve as the Executive Director if the President is unwilling or unable to perform those duties. The President or the President's appointee will serve until the Bar Commission hires a new Executive Director or until the current Executive Director is able to return to and perform the duties of that position.
- b. **President Elect.** The President Elect will perform and be vested with all the powers and duties of the President in the event the President is absent or otherwise unwilling or

unable to perform. The President Elect may perform such duties as may be assigned by the President and Bar Commission.

5.4.5.5. **Vacancy.** If the office of President becomes vacant for any reason, the President Elect will complete the remainder of the President's term. After completing the President's unfulfilled term, the President Elect will serve his or her full term as President. If the office of President Elect becomes vacant for any reason, the Bar Commission, by majority vote, will fill that vacancy. The person appointed to fulfill the President Elect's remaining term will hold office until the next President Elect is elected at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar.