**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 02 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** OSMA District Two

**Subject:** District Representation in the House of Delegates

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 1

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**WHEREAS**, The current Bylaws of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) have recently been modified to provide for an equitable, membership-based representation from each OSMA district; and

**WHEREAS**, A ratio of one (1) Delegate and (1) Alternate Delegate per 100 OSMA Active and Retired members was chosen so that each district would have a membership-based delegation; and

**WHEREAS**, The additional verbiage requiring that each county within the district be represented by one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate does not clarify what should happen if the total number of delegates based on one (1) per county exceeds the total number of delegates based on district membership; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That Chapter 4, Section 2 of the OSMA Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

**BYLAWS**

**CHAPTER 4**

**Section 2. Ratio of Representation.** Each OSMA district shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate in the House of Delegates for each one hundred (100) Active Members and Retired Members working or residing in the district as of December 31st of the preceding year~~. ; provided, however~~, IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AND RETIRED MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICT IS NOT EVENLY DIVISIBLE BY ONE HUNDRED (100), THAT DISTRICT SHALL BE ENTITTLED TO ONE (1) ADDITIONAL DELEGATE AND ONE (1 ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES. PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN that each county within a district ~~shall~~ be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate and one

(1) Alternate Delegate who works or resides in the county PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR THE DISTRICT DOES NOT EXCEED THE NUMBER FOR THE DISTRICT AS DELINEATED BY THE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP. IF THERE IS NO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FROM A GIVEN COUNTY AT THE TIME OF THE OSMA DISTRICT DELEGATION SELECTION PROCESS, THAT SLOT SHALL BE FILLED BY ANY ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE WITHIN THE DISTRICT. ~~If the total number of Active Members and Retired Members in the district is not evenly divisible by one hundred (100), that district shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate in the House of Delegates.~~ The names of such Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be submitted to the Association prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

Members in Training and Students are represented through separately seated sections of the House of Delegates and shall not be included in the member count/ratio of representation of OSMA districts for purposes of determining representation in the House of Delegates.

From forty-five (45) days up to the opening of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, in case a district Delegate or Alternate Delegate is unable to serve, the District Councilor representing that district may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of an Active OSMA Member who resides or works within the district to serve in the place of such absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

**Fiscal Note:** $ 0 (Sponsor)

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