

# Bylaws Amendment

## Articles VIII: Officers

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<p><b>Article VIII Section 4</b> The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the Florida PTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each officer shall be a member of a local PTA chartered by Florida PTA.</li> <li>b. No person shall hold more than one state office at any time and no officer may be eligible for two consecutive terms in the same office.</li> <li>c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.</li> <li>d. A member eligible pursuant to paragraph e of Article VIII, Section 4 may be elected to no more than three consecutive terms served in three different offices.</li> <li>e. No person is eligible for office who at the time of election, has not reached the age of majority (18), and has not served at least one full term, as a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors: a member of a Florida PTA Standing Committee: or a member of the National PTA Board of Directors; or a member of a National PTA committee elected or otherwise.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Article VIII Section 4</b> The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of the Florida PTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Each officer shall be a member of a local PTA chartered by Florida PTA.</li> <li>b. No person shall hold more than one state office at any time and no officer may be eligible for two consecutive terms in the same office.</li> <li>c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.</li> <li>d. A member eligible pursuant to paragraph e of Article VIII, Section 4 may be elected to no more than three consecutive terms served in three different offices.</li> <li>e. No person is eligible for office who at the time of election, has not reached the age of majority (18), and has not served at least one full term, as a member of the Florida PTA Board of Directors: a member of a Florida PTA Standing Committee: or a member of the National PTA Board of Directors; or a member of a National PTA committee elected or otherwise.</li> <li>f. All candidates for office must be a resident of the State of Florida at the time of nomination, as determined by the required Affirmation of Residency form, except for those serving in the Military and their immediate family members.</li> </ul>

## **Rationale:**

**The rationale for why members of the Florida Parent Teacher Association (PTA) board must be residents of the state they serve.**

- **Representation:** Residents of the state are best suited to represent the interests of the community and to make decisions that align with the values and needs of the residents.
- **Understanding of Local Issues:** Residents of the state have a deeper understanding of the local issues that the PTA board is tasked with addressing. Being a resident of the state gives them a unique perspective on the challenges faced by the community and the needs of the students and families they serve.
- **Community Involvement:** Serving on the PTA board requires a high level of commitment and engagement with the community. Residents of the state are more likely to have established relationships and connections within the community, enabling them to represent and advocate for the community's interests effectively.
- **Accessibility:** Residents of the state are more accessible to the parents, students, and school staff, which is essential for the effective functioning of the PTA board. When board members live within the state, they are more available to attend meetings, participate in events, and engage with the community.
- **Responsiveness:** By having members who are residents of the state, the PTA board can respond more quickly and effectively to the needs of the community. When board members live within the state, they can better understand and respond to the challenges and opportunities facing the community.
- **Fiduciary Responsibility:** By having an executive committee member outside of the State, would cost the association more money in travel expense than it may as if the member lived in the State.

In conclusion, having members who are residents of the state on the PTA board ensures that the board is representative of the community, has a deep understanding of local issues, is accessible and responsive to the needs of the community, and is better equipped to make informed and effective decisions on behalf of the students and families they serve.