

BYLAWS of the Vermont Law School Student Bar Association

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 1.1. Name

This Association shall be known as the Student Bar Association of Vermont Law School, hereinafter referred to as the "SBA."

§ 1.2. Objectives

The purpose of the SBA is to support and encourage academic excellence and professional growth among students; insure the attainment and preservation of the rights of the individual student to acquire a quality legal education in a just and reasonable manner; and serve as the vehicle for interaction and communication between the students and the faculty, administration, alumni, and the community.

§ 1.3. Antidiscrimination

This SBA shall not discriminate on the basis of ancestry, color, or race; cultural or ethnic background; economic circumstance; ideological, philosophical, or political belief or affiliation; marital or parental status; national or regional origin; physical disability; religion, or religious or denominational affiliation; sex; sexual orientation; or age. The SBA shall not encourage or condone discrimination, either implicitly or explicitly, and shall actively discourage discrimination on any such basis.

**ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP**

§ 2.1. Regular Membership

All students of Vermont Law School who are enrolled as candidates for the Juris Doctor Degree, the Masters of Studies in Environmental Law, and any other degree programs authorized by Vermont Law School, shall be regular members of the SBA. Such members are entitled to the full benefits of membership and to attend all meetings of the Senate.

§ 2.2. Faculty Representation

The Faculty of the Law School may appoint a faculty representative to this SBA, as a non-voting member.

§ 2.3. Administration Representation

The Administration of the Law School may appoint an administrative representative to this SBA, as a non-voting member.

§2.4. Dues and Assessments

Such regular member who is registered for the Fall Semester shall pay to the Treasurer of the Law School, as annual dues, a non-refundable fee of not less than seventy-five dollars, due and payable with tuition each September. The amount of the fee is subject to increase only by a majority vote of the SBA through a referendum ballot. The Finance Committee shall publish adequate notice of the referendum ballot at least fourteen days prior to the date of a vote. Adequate notice includes publication in the VLS Forum, notice on the SBA bulletin board, electronic communications to all students, and inclusion in any regularly published schedule of events prepared by the school.

§ 2.5. Rights Reserved to the Membership

A. Referendum. By submitting a petition to the Secretary of the SBA that contains the valid signatures of twenty percent or more current members of the SBA, any member may require a vote by general referendum on any issue regarding the Student Bar Association, including its policies and appropriations. A majority vote on a referendum shall be controlling and conclusive. When in conflict with a vote of the Senate, the referendum shall prevail. The Secretary shall hold such voting within fourteen (14) days (excluding vacation periods) after receipt of the petition. Any dispute regarding referendums shall be submitted to the Board of Elections. An appeal from the Board of Elections shall go to the Honor Code Committee and be bound by its determination.

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- 1 B. Recall. The Officers, members of the Senate, and Honor Code Committee members may  
2 be removed from office by the SBA.  
3 1. A recall shall be governed by the same procedure as a referendum vote, EXCEPT  
4 as provided in Art. 3, § 3.1 (l).  
5 2. A two-thirds vote of the SBA is required for removal.  
6 3. A petition for recall must clearly set forth all charges and must allege at least one of  
7 the following:  
8 a) A willful violation of any provision of these Bylaws,  
9 b) Malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance of office.
- 10 C. Access to Information. All members of the SBA have the right to review and have access  
11 to the SBA Handbook, copies of which are to be kept on reserve in the Law School  
12 Library and in the SBA office. The SBA Handbook shall include:  
13 1. The SBA Bylaws;  
14 2. Standing Rules and Policy Statements;  
15 3. Judicial hearing procedures;  
16 4. All periodic reports regarding expenditures and allocations made by the treasurer  
17 to the Senate; and a reasonably current statement indicating the financial condition  
18 of the SBA; and  
19 5. Copies of the minutes of all Senate meetings of the current academic year.  
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### ARTICLE 3. ORGANIZATION

#### § 3.1. Senate

24 The Senate shall be the governing body of the SBA and shall formulate its policies and supervise  
25 its activities. All members of the Legislature shall be in good academic standing. It shall have all  
26 powers prescribed by and necessary for the proper execution of the Bylaws including, but not  
27 limited to the following:

- 28 A. To consider resolutions and policy statements regarding issues concerning the SBA,  
29 generally no sooner than seven days from whence they are proposed;  
30 B. To appropriate all SBA funds;  
31 C. To establish its own rules of procedure consistent with those set forth herein by a three-  
32 quarters vote;  
33 D. To ratify or reject by majority vote any student standing committee members;  
34 E. To require reports from the standing committees, special committees, and from any  
35 organization receiving appropriations from the SBA;  
36 F. To establish standing and special committees pursuant to these Bylaws;  
37 G. To oversee coordination of student activities;  
38 H. To enter into contracts on behalf of and in the best interest of the SBA or the Law School;  
39 I. To remove from the Senate, by a two-thirds vote, any voting member who has been  
40 absent from more than fifty percent (50%) of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings  
41 during either semester of the academic year;  
42 J. To appoint a Sports and Outing Activities Committee from the membership at large and  
43 including at least one Senate member, responsible for all equipment;  
44 K. To nominate and elect a student representative to the Law School Division of the  
45 American Bar Association; and  
46 L. To provide and foster a harmonious academic and social environment among members  
47 of the law school community.  
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#### § 3.2. Administration.

50 The Senate shall consist of the Executive Committee, Student Senators, Town Liaison, Student  
51 Trustees, Parliamentarian, and all students serving on: joint student/faculty committees, standing  
52 and special committees. The members of the Executive Committee, the Student Senators, and  
53 the Town Liaison shall be voting members of the Senate. The Parliamentarian, Student  
54 Trustees, ABA Law School Division student representative, and student members of all joint  
55 student/faculty, standing and special committees shall be non-voting members.

- 56 A. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the  
57 Student Bar Association. Each Officer shall have full voting privileges except that the  
58 President or Presiding Officer shall vote only in the case of a tie vote. The Executive

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1 Committee shall meet regularly and have the collective power and responsibility to  
2 provide executive direction for the SBA and the Senate to ensure its smooth operation.

- 3 1. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the SBA and  
4 shall have the powers and duties, including but not limited to the following:  
5 a) To call to order and preside over any regular and special meetings of the  
6 Executive Committee, Senate and/or the SBA;  
7 b) To appoint chairs of standing and special committees with majority  
8 consent of the Senate unless otherwise specified in Article 5;  
9 c) To issue instructions to the committees, and to ensure that their duties  
10 are faithfully executed;  
11 d) To serve as signor of SBA checks;  
12 e) To keep the SBA informed, and to assure access to information  
13 regarding the SBA and its Senate;  
14 f) To determine and post the agenda for all Senate meetings prior to such  
15 meetings, subject to the majority's approval upon challenge;  
16 g) To see that the duties and policies of the Senate are followed and ensure  
17 a smooth transition to new leadership each spring;  
18 h) To represent the SBA and its Senate in activities outside the Law School  
19 (except where the responsibility is shared with the Town Liaison or ABA  
20 Law School Division student representative);  
21 i) To direct the SBA and its Senate generally, and to insure the prompt and  
22 orderly execution of all resolutions; and  
23 j) With the advice and majority consent of the Senate, to appoint a  
24 Parliamentarian from the SBA membership.
- 25 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall have the powers and duties:  
26 a) To perform the duties of the President of the SBA in the event of his/her  
27 absence, including signor of checks;  
28 b) To succeed to the Presidency, should that office become vacant;  
29 c) To chair the Student Activities Committee; and  
30 d) To perform other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the  
31 President of the SBA or the Senate.
- 32 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the powers and duties:  
33 a) To have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds of the  
34 SBA;  
35 b) To hold the checkbook of the SBA;  
36 c) To pay all bills authorized by the Senate;  
37 d) To deliver funds consistent with the Budgeting Procedures as adopted by  
38 the Senate;  
39 e) To keep permanent records of all receipts and expenditures of the SBA;  
40 f) To keep the books open to the membership for examination in his/her  
41 presence;  
42 g) To submit a financial statement at all regular meetings of the Senate,  
43 and to provide monthly summaries with copies to all members of the  
44 Senate;  
45 h) To prepare an annual report for presentation during the last week of  
46 classes in the spring semester;  
47 i) To prepare SBA checks for the President's signature as authorized by  
48 the Senate and/or the Executive Committee;  
49 j) To deliver funds promptly once they are allocated and requested,  
50 consistent with the Budgeting Procedures as adopted by the Senate; and  
51 k) To serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- 52 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall have the powers and duties:  
53 a) To take minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Senate,  
54 subject to amendment and approval by the Senate;  
55 b) To post such minutes, with copies to the members of the Senate, within  
56 five days after approval, including the name and vote of each party in roll  
57 call votes;  
58 c) To record attendance at all meetings for inclusion in the minutes;

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- d) To keep on file and reserve all committee reports and all minutes of Senate meetings;
- e) To keep official membership rolls and records of attendance;
- f) To notify the membership of all meetings;
- g) To handle all correspondence of the Senate and the SBA;
- h) To receive and promptly distribute all SBA mail;
- i) To coordinate all publicity of the SBA and the Senate;
- j) To serve as Chairperson of the Board of Elections;
- k) To see that all elections/referendums follow the Election Procedures in the Standing Rules; and
- l) To serve as custodian of the official seal of the SBA.

### B. Legislature - Voting Members

1. Class Senators. There shall be five Senators elected from each of the regular classes. They shall serve as speakers for their respective classes, and:
  - a) Confer with non-voting and voting membership on questions of importance before the Senate;
  - b) Take polls or seek the opinions of their constituents with regard to proposed legislation, rules, or procedures;
  - c) Introduce legislation, suggestions, or criticisms at regular or special meetings of the Senate; and
  - d) Attend at least fifty percent of the regular Senate meetings, or be subject to removal from the Senate.
2. Master's Program Senator(s). There shall be one member elected from every masters program. They shall serve as speaker for the students in their respective Masters Program and:
  - a) Confer with non-voting and voting membership on questions of importance before the Senate;
  - b) Take polls or seek the opinions of their constituents with regard to proposed legislation, rules or procedures;
  - c) Introduce legislation, suggestions, or criticisms at regular or special meetings of the Senate; and
  - d) Attend at least fifty percent of the regular Senate meetings, or be subject to removal from the Senate.
3. Town Liaison. The Town Liaison shall be elected from the membership at-large of the SBA. The Town Liaison shall serve as representative of the Law School to the South Royalton Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk, the School District and local merchants within the Town, and:
  - a) Be known to those parties and coordinate with student-town functions in order to foster productive community relations;
  - b) Attend regular selectmen meetings and the annual Town Meeting as a Representative of the SBA;
  - c) Report to the Senate appropriate information, requests, or complaints;
  - d) Attend regular Senate meetings at least once per month; and
  - e) Otherwise shall have the same duties and powers as Senators.

### C. Legislature – Non-voting Membership

1. Student Trustees. There shall be one member elected from each of the continuing classes to represent the SBA members to the Vermont Law School Board of Trustees. The Student Trustees shall be non-voting members of the Senate. They shall attend at least one meeting a month of the Senate, and when requested by the Senate or Executive Committee.
2. Student Members of Law School Committees. There shall be one member from each of the classes to serve on the Law School Committees. Student representatives on Law School Committees shall be non-voting members of the Senate. These student members shall attend at least one meeting a month of the Senate, and when requested by the Board.
3. Student Members of SBA Committees. Students who participate on these

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committees will be deemed to be non-voting members of the Senate. Committee membership is open to all SBA members in good standing unless membership is restricted in Article 5.3 below.

- 4. Officers of Student Groups. Students who are elected to be president, secretary, or treasurer (or their equivalents) of any student organization will be deemed to be non-voting members of the Senate. In order to be recognized, a current list of the three separate individual officers of a student group must be submitted to the Secretary of the SBA within four weeks of the beginning of each semester.
- 5. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall be elected by the Senate.

**ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS**

§ 4.1. Frequency.

The Senate must meet at a regularly scheduled day and time at least twice per month during the months of September through November, and February through April. All meetings of the Senate shall be open to the members of the Student Bar Association.

§ 4.2. Quorum.

A quorum shall exist when one more than half the voting members are present. The Secretary shall inform the President or Presiding officer when a quorum is present at the beginning of meetings of the Senate.

§ 4.3. Scheduling

At least one meeting a month shall be scheduled during regular school hours.

§ 4.4. Special Meetings.

Special meetings may be called at the request of the Dean of the Law School, the President of the Student Bar Association, or at least seven voting members of the Senate.

§ 4.5. Notice.

Notice of a meeting shall be given at least three days prior to regular meetings of the Senate, and at least 24 hours prior to special meetings. The agenda shall be posted electronically and on the SBA bulletin board at least twenty-four hours before a meeting.

**ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES**

§ 5.1. Board of Trustees.

One student from each of the continuing classes shall be elected to serve on the Board of Trustees of Vermont Law School. Student Trustees serve on an equal basis with other members of the Board of Trustees, and have full voting rights in all matters before the Board. Elected pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 and the Standing Rules adopted by the Senate, Student Trustees shall serve a term of one year, during which the Board meets every three months. As student liaisons between the student body and the Board of Trustees, the Student Trustees shall seek to represent the views of the SBA before the Board. The Student Trustees shall attend at least one meeting a month of the Senate in order to apprise the SBA of their activities and to learn of the SBA's views immediately prior to each scheduled Board of Trustees meeting.

§ 5.2. Law School Committees.

One member from each of the classes shall be elected to serve on the student/faculty/staff committees of the Law School. The Student Handbook and/or the Faculty Senate shall determine the title and purpose of the Law School Committees. Student members of the Law School Committees shall attend at least one meeting a month of the Senate to report on committee activities, and when requested by a majority of that body. The Senate shall have the power to remove, by two-thirds vote, any Student Committee member who has been absent from more than fifty percent of regularly scheduled committee meetings during either semester of the academic year. Changes in the representation make-up or the selection method must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Senate. If vacancies on the committees arise, replacements may be elected during regular elections, may be elected by special election, may

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1 be appointed by the Senate or may be selected by special temporary appointment by the  
2 President when the Senate is not in session.  
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### 4 § 5.3 SBA Standing Committees.

5 Where not expressly identified the President shall appoint the chair of the committee. The Chair  
6 may add other people to that committee as is deemed appropriate to accomplish its purpose  
7 unless otherwise noted. Every class Senator shall serve on at least one Standing committee.

8 (a) Executive Committee – The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-  
9 President, Secretary, and Treasurer and one representative of the Master's programs.  
10 Membership is restricted to these specific individuals.

11 (b) Audit Committee – The Audit Committee shall be composed of one representative from each  
12 of the three J.D. classes, to be appointed by the President and subject to approval by the  
13 Senate. Its purpose will be to review the books of the SBA each winter prior to the spring  
14 elections and report its findings to the Senate.

15 (c) Awards Committee – The Awards Committee shall be composed of at least three members  
16 of the SBA. Its purposes shall include recommending people to the Senate for recognition  
17 each year. The committee shall be formed no later than the end of February.

18 (d) Finance Committee – The Finance Committee shall be composed of one Senate  
19 representative from each class and will be chaired by the Treasurer. Its purpose will be to  
20 review requests for funds and recommend allocation of available funds to be approved by  
21 the Senate. The committee chair may add additional members of the SBA.

22 (e) Bylaws Committee – The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of one Senate  
23 representative from each class and will be chaired by the Parliamentarian. Its purpose will  
24 be to review the Bylaws and determine if any recommended changes to it are required. The  
25 committee will also review standing rules to determine if any recommendations should be  
26 made. The committee chair may add additional members of the SBA.

27 (f) Elections Committee – The Elections Committee shall be composed of one Senate  
28 representative from each class and will be chaired by the Secretary. The purpose of the  
29 Elections Committee will be to hold spring elections for continuing classes representatives  
30 and committee members, fall elections to elect new class representatives and committee  
31 members and to fill any vacancies that arose since the spring elections; and to hold special  
32 elections as they are needed. The committee chair may add additional members of the SBA.

33 (g) Student Activities Committee – The Student Activities Committee shall be composed of one  
34 representative from each class and will be chaired by the Vice President. Its purpose will be:  
35 to coordinate the calendar of activities and ensure that a schedule of events is maintained on  
36 the bulletin board and the campus network, as well as the VLS web site; to oversee all SBA  
37 sponsored activities, including periodic opportunities for meetings among class  
38 representatives and their constituents; and to enforce the policy for use of SBA controlled  
39 public bulletin boards. The membership of this committee will be revised as necessary after  
40 each election. The committee chair may add additional members of the SBA.

41 (h) Sports Committee – The Sports Committee will be composed of the Sports Commissioner  
42 and at least one Senate representative. Its purpose will be to oversee all equipment  
43 inventories and their use by students, as well as providing recommendations regarding the  
44 fitness center. The committee chair may add additional members of the SBA.  
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### 46 § 5.4. SBA Special Committees.

47 The Senate shall create special committees as needed to address specific needs of the SBA and  
48 its members. Each special committee shall expire by the next regular spring election unless the  
49 Senate or the next President continues it.  
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### 51 § 5.5. Committee Member Duties and Responsibilities

52 All elected and appointed committee members shall attend at least one meeting a month of the  
53 Senate in order to apprise the SBA of their activities and to learn of the SBA's views, and when  
54 requested by a majority of that body. The committee members shall attend all committee  
55 meetings unless there is a valid reason not to attend. The committee members shall strive to  
56 insure that the interests of the members of the SBA are properly represented.  
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## ARTICLE 6. APPROPRIATIONS

The Treasurer will receive Student Activity Fees from the Business Office at the beginning of the fall semester to be divided into two accounts: seventy percent to the Student Activity Fund to be distributed to recognized student groups and thirty percent to the General Fund to be administered by the Senate at its discretion. Fifty percent of each fund will be budgeted for allocation in the fall semester, with the balance to be allocated in the spring semester.

### § 6.1 Finance Committee.

The Treasurer of the Senate and a representative from each class shall comprise the Finance Committee. The Treasurer may add additional members of the SBA. The Finance Committee shall have the following duties:

- A. Aid and assist the President in the preparation of the annual budget for the Senate;
- B. Require all recognized student organizations to submit in the beginning of each semester a calendar of events, and a corresponding funding request covering that semester;
- C. To convene to review funding requests, and to invite group representatives to explain the levels of funding sought pursuant to this Bylaws;
- D. To meet as needed to determine the status of the financial condition of the SBA;
- E. To recommend to the Senate particular levels of funding for each group; and
- F. To make recommendations to the Senate regarding the Finance section of the Standing Rules.

### § 6.2 Groups Receiving SBA Funds From The Student Activity Fund.

The Senate shall approve all funding requests pursuant to the Standing Rules.

- A. In order to be eligible to receive SBA funding, a group shall: be in existence for at least one semester, submit a current copy of their Bylaws and/or mission statement of purpose and goals to the Senate to be kept on file. The organization shall request funding pursuant to the SBA Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- B. The SBA may decide to fund any activity that will promote the intellectual, physical, or social development of the Vermont Law School Community.
- C. If the Senate attaches any conditions to the allocation of funds, the Finance Committee shall ensure that the group is aware of the conditions and that the conditions are met.
- D. Student groups may appeal Finance Committee recommendations to the SBA Senate. The Senate shall act on the appeal in a timely fashion.

### § 6.3 Budgeting Procedure

Prior to the regularly scheduled semester Senate Budget Meeting, established SBA funded groups may request money for initial administrative costs. Such requests will be based on actual reasonable costs incurred and will be part of the group's semester request. Such requests shall be limited to \$100.00 per group without the prior approval by a majority vote of the Senate.

### § 6.4. Expenditure of Funds.

Expenditure of SBA funds shall be subject to the following:

- A. All allocations of SBA monies voted by the Board Governors shall remain in the treasury until groups receiving such allocation actually incur expenses or until proper documentation is provided showing that funding is needed prior to the actual occurrence of the expense.
- B. In order to be reimbursed, all receipts are due to the treasurer prior to the last meeting of the SBA at the end of the fall and spring semesters;
- C. Reallocation of funds must receive approval from the Treasurer and/or the Senate prior to the expenditure or request for check disbursement, as specified in the Standing Rules.
- D. No Senate has the authority to approve an expenditure of funds that will occur subsequent to the end of its term of office, except as provided for in the Standing Rules.
- E. Any portion of the treasury that remains unspent at the end of the academic year is automatically carried forward into the treasury of the following Senate.
- F. During April of each year, all recognized groups shall submit to the Finance Committee a budget report accounting for expenditures during the current year and a preliminary request for funding for the subsequent year.

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- 1 G. All allocations of SBA monies shall be subject to the rules and procedures of these  
2 Bylaws, and to the Standing Rules adopted by the Senate.  
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## ARTICLE 7. ELECTIONS

### § 7.1. Board of Elections.

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7 A. Officers. The Secretary shall Chair the Board of Elections. The Board of Elections shall  
8 consist of additional members, representing each of the JD classes and the Master's  
9 classes. These members shall be appointed from the SBA pursuant to the Standing  
10 Rules.  
11 B. Duties. Under the direction of the Chair, the Board of Elections, at a minimum, shall:  
12 1. Conduct all regular and special elections pursuant to the Bylaws and the  
13 Standing Rules.  
14 2. Inform the SBA when elections must occur.  
15 3. Establish polling places, count votes and post the results.  
16 4. In the event that the chair of the board of elections prefers not to serve during  
17 any election due to a potential conflict of interest, or to avoid the appearance of  
18 impropriety, the chair may appoint a temporary replacement chair who shall be  
19 approved by the Senate.  
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### § 7.2. Elections.

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22 A. Elections for Executive Committee, Board of Trustees Representatives, and Town  
23 Liaison members shall be held in April.  
24 B. Elections for Class Representatives for the continuing classes shall be held at the same  
25 time as or within 10 days of the elections listed in § 7.2(A).  
26 C. Elections for Law School Committees, the Master's Program Representative, the 1st year  
27 representatives and any vacancies from § 7.2(A) and/or (B) shall be elected no later than  
28 four full weeks after the start of the Fall Semester.  
29 D. All elections and referendum votes shall be by secret ballot.  
30 E. SBA members shall be required to sign a voter roll before voting in any election.  
31 F. Elections shall follow all other notice and nomination process guidelines set forth in the  
32 Standing Rules.  
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### § 7.3. Third Year Students.

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35 A. May not run for any office to become effective after March 1 of that academic year;  
36 B. May vote only in referendums after March 1 of that academic year; and  
37 C. Any elected voting member of the Senate shall retain voting rights through the last  
38 regular meeting of the Board during that academic year.  
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### § 7.4. Absentee Ballots.

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41 Absentee ballots shall be available to all students who are not in residence during the semester  
42 in which an election is held, and to those students who will be absent from the Law School  
43 campus on the day of elections. Ballots shall be transmitted by e-mail to each eligible member.  
44 They shall be returned by regular mail or by e-mail to a special secure mail account, created for  
45 the sole purpose of elections, prior to the closing of the election period. Absentee balloting shall  
46 be conducted pursuant to the Standing Rules.  
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### § 7.5. Vacancies.

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49 Except where already provided for within these Bylaws, vacancies shall be filled according to the  
50 following procedures:  
51 A. Vacancies shall be filled at a regular meeting of the Senate, or through special election,  
52 no sooner than seven days from the posting of notice describing the vacancy and the  
53 election procedures to be followed; and  
54 B. A majority vote of the Senate shall be taken to either fill such vacancies or declare that a  
55 special election shall be held of the SBA at-large.  
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**ARTICLE 8. HONOR CODE AND CODE OF CONDUCT**  
(On reserve at library desk with VLS Academic Regulations)

**ARTICLE 9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the SBA in all cases to which they are applicable, so long as they are not inconsistent with this Bylaws or special rules adopted by the SBA.

**ARTICLE 10. STANDING RULES**

§ 10.1. Definition.

The Standing Rules shall be the rules under which the Senate and its Committees shall operate. The Standing Rules shall define the rules, guidelines, and procedures for: awards, meetings, attendance, elections, committees, vacancies, and any other activity of the Senate or SBA that is necessary.

§ 10.2. Adoption & Amendments.

Additions, changes, and deletions shall be proposed at one meeting of the Senate and acted upon no sooner than seven days later by at least three-quarters of the voting membership of the Senate to allow proper notice to all members of the Association. Changes shall take effect immediately upon acceptance by the Senate.

Changes to the awards and elections sections of the standing rules shall require a two-thirds (super majority) vote of the Senate or a majority of the SBA at large for passage. Any other changes to the standing rules shall require a simple majority of the Senate.

**ARTICLE 11. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

§ 11.1. Procedure.

Any member of the SBA may propose amendments to the Bylaws. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Senate. In order for proposed amendments to be voted on, a petition containing the valid signatures of seventy-five current members of the SBA must accompany them, or receive a majority vote of approval by the Senate. A written referendum following the election procedures of Article VI shall take place between fourteen and thirty days from the date of its submission at a regular meeting of the Senate. Notice shall be posted at least one week prior to the vote.

§ 11.2. Ratification.

Adoption of proposed amendments may occur only by a two-thirds vote of the current membership of the SBA.

**ARTICLE 12. EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon acceptance by the SBA, and replaces any and all prior Constitutions and/or Bylaws.