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Notice of Proposed Bylaws Amendment and Election Vote From the Texas Municipal Courts Association President

Good morning.

I want to remind you that pursuant to recently enacted bylaws amendments, our upcoming election will be conducted electronically; **paper ballots will not be available**. You will receive an announcement regarding board elections on May 1st. This announcement will include a link to your ballot. Members must vote by June 15th. Results of the candidate elections will be certified by the Nominating Committee to the TMCA Board of Directors no later than June 30th.

To receive the link to the ballot, please ensure that your membership profile has a discrete email address. If it does not, please log on to the website at www.txmca.com. Once you reach the website, click on the top right corner of the webpage where it says "Log in". You will be prompted for your account email and password. If you are unable to login or have password issues, please [contact us](#) now so that there are no issues accessing your ballot.

All members will be able to cast their vote for President Elect, Second Vice President and Treasurer. Members from Regions II, IV, VI, VIII and X will also cast their vote for Directors in their respective region. Pursuant to an amendment recently approved by the membership, **write-in votes will not be permitted**. Once your ballot is submitted, you will not be able to change your vote. Members will be allowed to submit only one ballot. Once your ballot is submitted, a summary of your vote will be displayed. This is the only confirmation of your vote you will receive. We encourage you print this page for your records because you **will not** receive another confirmation of your vote.

Our candidates page is now available on the website. Please look at it to learn more about the candidates prior to casting your vote.

In addition to election of candidates for next term, the TMCA Board of Directors has unanimously approved submission of the proposed amendment to the TMCA Bylaws listed below. Pursuant to Article XV of the TMCA Bylaws, this message will serve as notice to the membership regarding the proposed revision. The amendment would add an entirely new provision to the bylaws to read as follows:

ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

"Section 6. If the Treasurer becomes incapacitated or unable to serve, even temporarily, the President shall, with approval of the majority of the Board, appoint one from among the membership to fulfill the duties of the elected Treasurer until his or her return to office."

The rationale for this amendment is to ensure that all of TMCA's bills are timely paid and that the other responsibilities of the Treasurer are fulfilled if he or she becomes temporarily unable to discharge them as opposed to a permanent vacancy.

The Bylaws already provide contingency plans for certain vacancies regarding most statewide offices, but they do not provide any way to address a temporary incapacity of the Treasurer and the duties of the Treasurer are too important to leave unattended even for a brief time. For example, Section 1 of Article IX states that the President shall appoint one from among the membership to sit as the Secretary to record a meeting if the Secretary is absent.

If you want to vote for the proposed amendment, please choose "Yes" at the bottom of the ballot.

To protect TMCA and on behalf of the TMCA Board of Directors, I ask that you please vote for the proposed amendment. If you have any questions regarding the rationale of the proposed change or the voting process, please contact your regional director, any statewide officer or [contact us here](#).

Thank you for being a TMCA member,



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