

**EXCERPTS FROM THE BYLAWS
OF THE
NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 4. General Supervision over Committees and Sections. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, all committees, sections and divisions of sections shall be subject to such rules as the Executive Committee may promulgate to supervise and coordinate the action and functioning of all committees (other than the Nominating Committee) and of all sections, and divisions of sections, including limitations upon the issuance of public statements by committees, sections, and divisions of sections or members thereof as may be deemed appropriate.

Section 5. Issuance of Reports and Legislative Action.

A. Pending Proposals. Each standing committee, special committee, or section shall have power and authority, in its own name, publicly or otherwise, to support or oppose pending legislative action at the local, state or federal level. Any statement of support or in opposition to such legislation pending shall conspicuously disclose the fact that the position of the committee, special committee, or section, as the case may be, is not the position of the Association until approved and adopted by the House of Delegates.

B. Initiation of Legislative Action. Standing committees, special committees, and sections may publish reports and recommendations on matters within their jurisdiction. They may promote or initiate local, state or federal legislative action with the specific approval of the House of Delegates or the Executive Committee. Such action, however, is prohibited unless so approved and no action whatsoever shall be taken by any committee or section in the name of the Association without the express authority of the House of Delegates or the Executive Committee.

C. Issuance of reports regarding legislative action.

1. In commenting on pending legislation or seeking to initiate legislative action, as described hereinabove in subdivisions A and B, or in publishing reports on subjects within their jurisdiction on such legislation or legislative action, standing committees, special committees, or sections may not publicly espouse positions, issue statements or release reports which are inconsistent with policy adopted by the House of Delegates or the Executive Committee. With respect to positions adopted by the Executive Committee, however, same shall be binding for six months from the date of adoption unless acted upon sooner by the House of Delegates.

2. At least five business days in advance of the intended release date, which shall be stated in the transmittal document, any prospective position, statement or report by a standing committee, special committee, or section regarding pending or proposed legislation shall be submitted to the President solely for a determination as to whether the prospective position, statement or report is inconsistent with policy previously adopted by the House of Delegates or Executive Committee. The President may waive this notice requirement at the request of the standing committee, special committee, or section. Authorization to release the report shall be deemed to have been given unless the President notifies the standing committee, special committee, or section to the contrary prior to the intended release date. Any adverse determination by the President may be appealed to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X. SECTIONS AND DIVISIONS OF SECTIONS

Section 1. Creation and Abolition. The House of Delegates may from time to time establish sections of the Association and divisions of sections. Sections and divisions of sections may be abolished by the House of Delegates or by the Association.

Section 2. Bylaws. Each duly authorized section of the Association may adopt Bylaws, not inconsistent with the Bylaws of the Association, for the regulation of its affairs and for the determination and definition of its aims and purposes and qualifications of membership therein, but such Bylaws shall become effective only upon approval by the Executive Committee

Section 3. Officers. Each such section may elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary, and such other officers as its Bylaws may provide.

Section 4. Committees. Each such section may create committees or task forces relating to particular branches of the general activities of the section.

Section 5. Dues. The executive committee of a section or if there be none, the members at an annual meeting of the section may, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, fix the amount of annual dues, the payment of which shall be a condition to membership in the section.