

# Proposed New Mexico FFA State Constitution & Bylaw Amendment

*For consideration by the delegates at the Annual New Mexico FFA State Convention*

**NOTE:** An amendment to the State FFA Constitution & Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present at the State FFA convention.

**Submitted by: Silver City FFA**

**Subject:** Rewording the Article IX, Section F of the New Mexico FFA By-laws

**Motion:** We move to Amend the ARTICLE V SECTION A of the New Mexico FFA BY-LAWS by striking out "district and state president, and secretary" and inserting "state president, secretary, and state vice presidents" and adding on at the end of SECTION A after ballot "In the event of a vice president candidate vacancy(vacancies), caused either by no applicant or applicant who does not meet minimum qualification score, the remaining eligible vice president candidates, not elected in their given district, shall be voted on by the entire delegation to serve as the vice president for the vacant position(s)." so that the newly amended SECTION A would read "SECTION A Before the first day of any regularly called convention at which state officers shall be elected, the state president and secretary shall appoint a nominating committee to consist of the immediate past president and past state secretary as co-chairpersons and two members from each of the FFA districts. The president and secretary also have the option of selecting a committee to consist of Past New Mexico FFA State Officers. The nominating committee(s) will interview prospective candidates for state president, secretary, and state vice presidents. The nominating committee may present at least one nominee for each office based upon attainment of a minimum qualification score. Nominations of eligible candidates may be made from the floor at the time the elections are held. Voting shall be by ballot. Candidates must be interviewed by the nominating committee. Only candidates who have completed the entire nominating process may have their name listed on the election ballot. In the event of a vice president candidate vacancy (vacancies), caused either by no applicant or applicant who does not meet minimum qualification score, the remaining eligible vice president candidates, not elected in their given district, shall be voted on by the entire delegation to serve as the vice president for the vacant position(s)."

**Background/Purpose:** In the past few years the New Mexico FFA Association has seen a drop in the number of high quality State Officer Candidates, which has led to our State Officer team having vacancies in several different districts.

**Rationale:** In the spirit of compromise the Silver City FFA chapter has tried to come up with a way to not only allow District Representation on the State Officer team, but also elect the best State Officers possible in order to lead our students to their maximum potential. Electing State FFA Officers from their respective Districts allows our diverse membership to be better represented, as opposed to them being elected at large from the entire state. Unfortunately we have not been able to fill all State Officer positions the last few years, either because there wasn't a candidate that met the minimum score or there was no candidate running from that District. This amendment would allow district vacancies to be filled by eligible candidates from other districts, who were not elected in their own district.

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#### State FFA Constitution Verbiage

##### **Current Verbiage:**

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##### **Proposed Verbiage:**

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