

**HOUSTON AREA ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS**

An amendment can be an addition, a deletion, or a change to this constitution and its bylaws.

SECTION 1: PROCEDURES

- A. Amendments may be proposed by a member, the Executive Board or by committees of the Association.
- B. Shall be submitted in writing at one Association membership meetings to the Constitution Committee Chair.
- C. The Constitution Committee shall communicate with the proponent of the proposed amendment to clarify the intent and rational; shall prepare amendments; make recommendations; and shall submit the proposed amendments to the Executive Board.

SECTION 2: PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION

Proposed amendments, already submitted and published, shall be approved by two-third (2/3) vote of active members and become effective after (60) days after approval, unless;

- a. A proviso is adopted specifying a different date or
- b. A referendum is called.

All voting on amendments by the Association membership shall be by secret ballot.

SECTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AMENDMENTS

- A. A referendum shall be held no earlier than sixty (60) days no later than ninety (90) days after the adoption of an amendment, provided that a petition bearing the signatures of at least fifteen (15) percent of the members has been received and certified by the Recording Secretary.
- B. A ballot shall be made available to each member.
- C. The Executive Board shall adopt rules and procedures governing the conduct of the referendum.
- D. Any proposed amendment receiving a majority vote of the ballots cast shall be adopted.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

Unless otherwise provided, a proposed amendment shall become effective as soon as it is adopted no later than 10 business days after TABE's approval.