IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 98- 9109

APPROVAL OF A REFERENDUM OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS MEMBERSHIP REGARDING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 OF THE STATE BAR RULES

ORDERED:

Pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code Ann. §81.024 (Vernon Supp. 1997) the Supreme Court of Texas approves a referendum of the Membership of the State Bar of Texas on the following:

Proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 4 of the State Bar Rules, regarding creating the position of chair-elect of the State Bar Board of Directors.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS / 5	day of <u>July</u> , 1998.
	Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice
	Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice Mathan L. Hecht, Justice
	Craig T. Enoch, Justice Rose Spector, Justice
- -	Priscilla R. Owen, Justice
	James A. Baker, Justice James A. Baker, Justice Greg Abbott, Justice Jehnal J. Hankinson Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

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PETITION TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 OF THE STATE BAR RULES

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF SAID COURT:

The State Bar of Texas hereby respectfully petitions the Court to amend Article IV, Section

4 of the State Bar Rules. In support hereof, the Petitioner states as follows:

I.

The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, at its meeting on April 17, 1998, resolved

by a majority vote to make the recommendation and request for the referendum made herein.

II.

The Petitioner recommends and requests that a referendum ballot be submitted to the

membership of the State Bar of Texas on the question of amending Article IV, Section 4 of the State

Bar Rules. The requested changes to Article IV, Section 4 are set forth in Exhibit "A".

III.

WHEREFORE, the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors requests that the Supreme Court of Texas approve, adopt, and promulgate such rule and send such rule to the membership of the

State Bar of Texas for a referendum.

Attest:

Steven W. Young

General Counsel

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio Alvarado

Executive Director

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STATE BAR RULES

Article IV - Administration

Section 4. Chairperson of **the** Board

The board shall elect annually from its membership, under such procedures as it shall prescribe, a chairperson-slect. The Chairelect shall succeed to the position of Chair of the Board for a term of one year at the end of the current Chair's term. to serve for the next succeeding organizational year. Such person shall be elected from the class of directors then serving the second year of their terms.