

**Resolution Number:** 400-2023

**Title:** Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates Section 4 Caucuses, B. Joint Caucuses

**Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

**Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Governance Committee

**Financial Impact:** None

**Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

**Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee wishes to clarify the intent of this resolution. This resolution is strictly referencing to joint district caucuses. Joint district caucuses are groupings of already established districts coming together for the purpose of questioning candidates running for elected office. Members of the house of delegates elect trustees to represent their voices on the Board level. This amendment is not intended to take away the rights of the House but rather streamline the process by delegating this responsibility to the Board to organize joint district caucuses during the three-year redistricting process. The Reference Committee recommends a yes vote.

**Background:** ASDA has seen an increase in new dental schools opening. Three new dental schools have opened within the past two years and five additional dental schools are set to open in the next five years. To accommodate for future growth, the Board of Trustees approved a three-year redistricting initiative which adds two additional districts based on geographical distribution. This may impact joint caucus groupings and the amendment below provides flexibility for the organization to continue to grow in the future while the redistricting initiative is completed.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Resolved,** that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates Section 4 Caucuses, B. Joint Caucuses be amended as follows:

B. Joint Caucuses

Joint caucuses are composed of representatives from two or more districts. **Joint Caucuses are appointed by the Board of Trustees.** ~~as indicated below:~~

~~Districts 1, 2 & 3~~

~~Districts 4 & 5~~

~~Districts 6 & 7~~

~~Districts 8 & 9~~

~~Districts 10 & 11~~

Each joint caucus may interview officer candidates, develop their own caucus rules and conduct any other necessary business.

**Action:** The Chair moves 400-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote.