

PROPOSED POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS

POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS & ADVOCACY

***Purpose:** To continue the practice that State Bar Board members cannot in their official capacities endorse non-State Bar candidates for elected office, and to prevent any potential conflict with the Keller line of cases that prohibit mandatory bar associations from engaging in political or ideological activities outside of their purposes.*

1.24 Political Endorsements and Advocacy

Subject to section 1.10, current Officers and members of the Board may not, acting in their official State Bar capacities, endorse any candidate for any non-State Bar elected office. Additionally, current Officers and members of the Board, acting in their official State Bar capacities, may not advocate for the passage or defeat of any state or federal statute or rule without approval of the Board of Directors in accordance with Part VIII of this Policy Manual.