

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the American Osteopathic Association

At its July, 1993 Annual Meeting, the House of Delegates approved the following proposed amendment to the AOA Constitution. In accordance with AOA basic documents, the amendments are to be printed in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION prior to the meeting at which they are to be acted upon (July, 1994).

CONSTITUTION

Article VIII—Board of Trustees and Executive Committee,

Section 1—Board of Trustees

(new materials in capitals)

The Board of Trustees of this Association shall consist of the President, President-elect, the Past Presidents for the preceding two years, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and of eighteen other members; six of whom shall be elected annually by the House of Delegates to serve for three years WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT AND THE PAST PRESIDENTS FOR THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS, THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) YEARS, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT A TRUSTEE MAY COMPLETE THE TERM IN WHICH TWELVE (12) YEARS OR MORE OF SERVICE IS COMPLETED.

Explanatory statement: This proposed Amendment imposes a limitation of twelve years total, not just *consecutive* years; and, if approved, it will become effective in 1995 for the elections that year. At that time, any Trustee who has served for twelve or more years will not be eligible for election. Any Trustee who has a total of less than twelve years (e.g., ten years) may be elected to a three-year term and may serve out that term, even though it may exceed twelve years.