

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Amend Article III from:

ACTIVE - A current director or assistant director of a class A, AA or AAA high school band in Texas or a current director or assistant director of a junior high or middle school band which feeds a class A, AA or AAA high school band in Texas as defined by the University Interscholastic League, or a current director or assistant director of a private middle school through the eighth grade, or anyone who has retired from any of these positions as an Active Member.

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Amend the Bylaws, Article I, Section 3 from:

SECTION 3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any individual currently serving as a band director or assistant director in a class A, AA or AAA high school in Texas or is a band director or assistant director in a junior high or middle school which feeds a class A, AA or AAA high school as defined by the University Interscholastic League, or a current director or assistant director of a private middle school through the eighth grade. Payment of the prescribed dues will allow the individual to participate in ATSSB activities, the right to vote and hold office, admittance to meetings upon compliance with registration requirements, and to enter students in grades 9-12 in the audition process leading to membership in the ATSSB All-State Band. A Regular Member who retires may continue Active Membership so long as dues are kept current.

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Rationale:

ATSSB was formed when the Band Division of TMEA voted down the idea of adding a small-school all-state after the TMEA leadership added Class CCC junior highs (9th graders in large school districts) to the original 1A, 2A and 3A proposal. The idea behind the refusal to approve was that adding these students from large districts would be unfair to the small, normally rural schools which got together to form ATSSB. This amendment would keep the original intentions intact and clearly define membership criteria.