

PROPOSED ENACTMENT 10-164A

To amend the provisions regarding election complaints

Proposed by the Board of Directors of RI

1 IT IS ENACTED by Rotary International that the BYLAWS OF ROTARY
2 INTERNATIONAL be and hereby are amended as follows (page 211 MOP)

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4 **Article 10 Nominations and Elections for Officers – General Provisions**

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6 **10.060. Campaigning, Canvassing, and Electioneering.**

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8 **10.060.3. Board Consideration.**

9 The board shall give due consideration to such complaints. The board shall dismiss the
10 complaint, disqualify the candidate for the elective office sought or future RI elective
11 offices or both, or take such other action as it deems fair and just. A two-thirds vote shall
12 be required to disqualify a candidate, such disqualification being for those RI offices and
13 for such periods as the board shall determine. The board may take action as it deems fair
14 and just against any Rotarians who violate subsection 10.060.1. The board's decision
15 shall be promptly transmitted to all parties concerned.

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17 **10.060.4. Repeated Election Complaints from a District.**

18 **Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws or the standard club constitution:**

19 **(a) If a district's selection of a governor-nominee has resulted in two or more election**
20 **complaints under subsection 10.060.2. in the previous five-year period, the board**
21 **may take any or all of the following actions when it has reasonable cause to believe**
22 **that RI's bylaws or election complaint procedures have been violated:**

- 23 **1. disqualify the nominee and any or all candidates and select a past governor**
24 **from a club in the district to serve as governor;**
25 **2. remove from office any governor or governor-elect who improperly**
26 **influences or interferes in the election process; and**
27 **3. declare that a past governor who improperly influences or interferes in the**
28 **election process shall no longer be considered to be a past governor;**

29 **(b) If a district's selection of a governor-nominee has resulted in three or more election**
30 **complaints in the previous five-year period, the board may dissolve the district and**
31 **assign the clubs to surrounding districts. The provisions of section 15.010. shall**
32 **not apply to this section.**

(Subsequent subsections will be renumbered as appropriate)

(End of Text)

Note: New material is underlined.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

This enactment would amend the RI Bylaws to provide that if there are two or more district governor election complaints filed in a district in any five-year period, and the RI Board has reasonable cause to believe that RI's bylaws or election complaint procedures have been violated, the RI Board may:

- (a) disqualify the nominee and any or all candidates and select a past governor from a club in the district to serve as governor;
- (b) remove from office any governor or governor-elect who improperly influenced or interfered in the election process;
- (c) declare that a past governor who improperly influenced or interfered in the election process shall no longer be considered to be a past governor.

The RI Board would also be able to dissolve any district and reassign its clubs to surrounding districts if there are three or more election complaints in a five-year period.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This enactment would have no substantial financial impact to RI.