

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENTS
TO SCR 81 REGARDING THE BOARD
OF GOVERNORS; ELECTION OF
MEMBERS; TERM.

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
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ORDER AMENDING SUPREME COURT RULE 81

On February 4, 2019, the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada filed a petition to amend Supreme Court Rule 81 regarding the election of members to the Board of Governors and the lifetime limit for which a Governor may serve. The petition seeks to increase lifetime term limits from eight years to twelve years and extend the term for which a governor may serve from two years to three years.

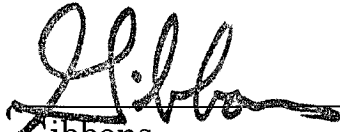
WHEREAS, this court has considered the petition and determined that the proposed rule changes are warranted; accordingly,

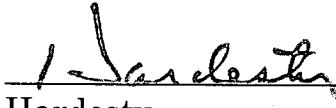
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Supreme Court Rule 81 shall be amended and shall read as set forth in Exhibit A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this amendment to the Supreme Court Rules shall be effective 30 days from the date of this order. The clerk of this court shall cause a notice of entry of this order to be published in the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Publication of this order shall be accomplished by the clerk disseminating copies of this order to all subscribers of the advance sheets of the Nevada Reports and all persons and agencies listed in NRS 2.345, and to the executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. The certificate of the clerk of this court as to the accomplishment of the above-described publication of notice of entry and

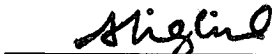
dissemination of this order shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and publication of the foregoing rules.

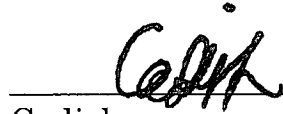
Dated this 8th day of February, 2019



Gibbons, C.J.


Hardesty, J.


Parraguirre, J.



Stiglich, J.


Cadish, J.


Silver, J.

PICKERING, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part:

I do not oppose the rule change requested but would invite public comment before voting on it. I recognize that the text currently proposed mirrors that proposed in 2016 and that public comments were solicited in 2017. But the day after the hearing in 2017, the State Bar withdrew its proposal and submitted an amended petition, supporting the modified rule the court approved by order dated September 28, 2017. Given this history, the period for public comment should be reopened for a period of two weeks. It is, I submit, a shortcoming of the Nevada rules governing our administrative docket that public comment and hearing are not required for all rule changes.


Pickering, J.

cc: Richard Pocker, President, State Bar of Nevada
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All District Court Judges
Clark County Bar Association
Washoe County Bar Association
First Judicial District Bar Association
Administrative Office of the Courts

EXHIBIT A
AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 81

Rule 81. Board of governors: Election of members; term.

1. The board of governors shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified as hereinafter provided.

2. The board of governors of the state bar shall be composed of 15 members to be elected as follows:

(a) Nine members shall be elected from district No. 1, which shall consist of Clark County;

(b) One member shall be elected from district No. 2, which shall consist of the counties of White Pine, Elko, Eureka, Churchill, Lander, Humboldt, Lyon, Lincoln, Douglas, Mineral, Nye, Esmeralda, Pershing and Storey;

(c) One member shall be elected from district No. 3, which shall consist of Carson City; and

(d) Four members shall be elected from district No. 4, which shall consist of Washoe County.

3. The members of the board of governors shall be elected for [~~two-year~~] three-year terms. No attorney may serve on the board of governors for more than a lifetime total of [~~eight~~] twelve years, unless elected as vice president, president-elect or president, in which case the lifetime limit would be [~~eleven~~] fifteen years. The time served in filling a partial term created by a vacancy shall not be included in computing the [~~eight-year~~] twelve-year lifetime limit. If elected vice president, president-elect or president, the term of office shall extend, without reelection, through the officer's presidential year.

4. Only active members of the state bar who reside in Nevada and have an official address pursuant to Rule 79 in the respective counties as provided

in subsection (2) [~~above,~~] above are eligible to be elected as a governor
therefrom.