

SB 163 – Follow-Up Technical Amendments
Attachment A
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SECTION 1. Section 6009.7 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

6009.7. (a) (1) The State Bar shall determine the manner by which to reduce the board of trustees from 23 members to 19 members, as described in Section 6011, pursuant to the election and appointment processes specified in Sections 6012, 6013.1, 6013.2, and 6013.3.

(2) The State Bar shall develop a plan for implementing the transition to a 19-member board by January 31, 2012.

(3) By January 31, 2012, the State Bar shall submit a written report to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Judiciary that includes, but is not limited to, the implementation plan described in paragraph (2).

(b) The State Bar shall complete the transition to a 19-member board no later than October 31, 2014.

(c) The State Bar shall not change, reduce, shorten, lengthen, or abolish the terms of board members commencing prior to December 31, 2011, or force any board member to resign in order to institute a 19-member board pursuant to this section. Any one of these members shall be eligible to serve a fourth year as a member of the board if elected in the third year of his or her term to be the president of the State Bar under Section 6021. In the event that such a member is elected and assumes office at the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2014, then the president shall be a member in addition to the other 19 members of the board.

(d) The State Bar shall report annually to the Senate and Assembly Committees on Judiciary on its progress toward implementing the transition to a 19-member board.

SEC. 2. Section 6012 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

6012. (a) State Bar Districts, as they existed on December 31, 2011, pursuant to Section 6012.5, as added by Chapter 1223 of the Statutes of 1989, shall cease, pursuant to the act that added this section, for purposes of the election of attorney members of the board. However, attorney members who were elected in 2009, 2010, or 2011 to serve for a three-year term commencing at the conclusion of the annual meeting held in those years shall be eligible to serve their full three-year terms. Any one of these attorney members shall be eligible to serve a fourth year as a member of the board if elected in the third year of his or her term to be the president of the State Bar under Section 6021. In the event that such a member is elected and assumes office at the conclusion of the annual meeting in 2014, then the president shall be a member in addition to the other 19 members of the board.

(b) Commencing on January 1, 2012, State Bar Districts shall be based on the six court of appeal districts as constituted pursuant to Section 69100 of the Government Code, as they existed on December 31, 2011. The board shall provide for the election

of six attorney members of the board from these six State Bar Districts as specified in Section 6013.2.

SEC. 3. Section 6021 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

6021 (a) (1) Within the period of 90 days next preceding the annual meeting, the board, at a meeting called for that purpose, shall elect the president, vice president, and treasurer for the ensuing year. The president, the vice president, and the treasurer shall be elected from among all members of the board.

(2) The newly elected president, vice president, and treasurer shall assume the duties of their respective offices at the conclusion of the annual meeting following their election. Each officer while holding office must be a member of the board.

(b) The term of the board president shall be one year, except that he or she may be reelected to a second one-year term as the board president.