

AMENDMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION  
BY THE 2011 NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

**BYLAW AMENDMENT 3**

**TITLE:** To establish for five (5) membership years (from 2011-2012 through 2015-2016) an additional ten dollar (\$10.00) increase in the dues of Active members to be allocated to the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crisis and Media Campaign Fund.

**2. Membership**

**2-7. Membership Dues.**

n. Beginning with the 2007-08 membership year, the annual membership dues of Active members of the Association, as computed pursuant to Bylaw 2-7.a, shall be increased by ten dollars (\$10.00), with an additional increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the 2011-2012 through 2015-2016 membership years. This dues increase shall be allocated to the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises and Media Campaign Fund. The annual membership dues of Student members of the Association, as established pursuant to Bylaw 2-7.g, shall include one dollar (\$1.00) to be allocated to the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises and Media Campaign Fund.

Sixty percent (60%) of the money allocated to the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises and Media Campaign Fund during each membership year shall be available to assist state affiliates in dealing with ballot measures and legislative crises, and forty percent (40%) shall be available for national and state media campaigns to advance the cause of public education and publicize the role of the Association and its affiliates in improving the quality of public education.

Where necessary to avoid legal problems under state law, the Association and a state affiliate may, at the request of the state affiliate, enter into a written agreement providing that the money collected from members of that state affiliate shall not be used to deal with ballot measures, but shall be used only to deal with legislative crises and/or to fund national and state media campaigns. The Executive Committee shall develop guidelines to implement this Bylaw. These guidelines shall be submitted to the Board of Directors, and shall become effective when approved by the Board of Directors.

The NEA president shall make a report regarding the operation of the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crises and Media Campaign Fund, which shall include a financial statement, to each Representative Assembly.

**IMPACT STATEMENT:**

NEA Bylaw 2-7.n provides that as of the 2007-2008 membership year, the annual membership dues of Active members of the Association, as computed pursuant to Bylaw 2-7.a, was increased by ten dollars (\$10.00) and the additional amount was allocated to the Ballot Measure/Legislative Crisis and Media Campaign Fund (Crisis Fund).

This amendment would establish an additional increase of ten dollars (\$10.00) for Active members for the 2011-2012 through 2015-2016 membership years. The resulting combined dues payment for Active members allocated to the Crisis Fund for each of the five (5) membership years would be twenty dollars (\$20.00). The amount of the dues payment for Active members allocated to the Crisis Fund will return to ten dollars (\$10.00) in the 2016-2017 membership year.

*Submitted by: NEA Board of Directors*