

RESOLUTION 29-08A

**Title:** Changing Parliamentary Authority  
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**Referred to:** Reference Committee on Constitution & Bylaws  
**House Action:** Approved on First Reading

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Whereas, Doctor James E. Davis, a former Speaker of the American Medical Association, wrote an excellent guide to parliamentary procedure that was subsequently adopted by the AMA and the Michigan State Medical Society as the parliamentary authority, and

Whereas, unfortunately, Doctor Davis' book, *Rules of Order*, is no longer in print and will not be updated, and

Whereas, it is essential that an organization have an up-to-date parliamentary authority as the use of electronic voting, the internet, other future technology, and changing societal norms are certain to alter parliamentary procedure, and

Whereas, the AMA has changed its parliamentary authority to *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*, commonly referred to as Sturgis, as noted in AMA Bylaws 11.10, and

Whereas, this authority is continuing to be updated; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That MSMS modify its bylaws to make *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* by Alice Sturgis our parliamentary authority.

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** NONE