MILITARY and VETERANS LAW SECTION
BYLAWS

Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 Name. This section shall be known as the Military and Veterans Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association (herein the Section).

1.2 Purposes. The purposes of the Section are to serve the legal needs of the members of the armed forces and veterans of the United States by improving the professional knowledge and skill of the members of the Nebraska State Bar Association (the Association), to support a legal environment that benefits the men and women who have served our state and nation, and to promote the mission of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

Article II: Membership

2.1 Enrollment. There is no requirement for prior active service in the military to enroll in this section. Any member in good standing of the Association shall, upon request to the Executive Director of the Association, be enrolled as a member of the Section by the payment of any annual Section dues.

2.2 Membership. Members so enrolled and whose dues are paid, shall constitute the membership of the Section.

2.3 Law Students. Any law student enrolled in an accredited law school in Nebraska may become a law student member of the Section upon request and payment of any annual Section dues. Law student members of the Section shall not be entitled to vote or to be members of the Executive Committee of the Section.

2.4 Dues. Dues for membership in the Section shall be an annual amount set by the Executive Committee of the Section and approved by the Association. Dues shall be payable upon enrollment and annually thereafter, in advance, at the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. Dues shall be waived by the section for all members who are on active duty for more than 30 days during the Association’s annual period.

2.5 Delinquency. Any member of the Section whose annual dues shall be more than two months past due shall cease to be a member of the Section.
Article III: Meetings of the Membership

3.1 Annual Meeting. The Section shall hold an annual meeting of members in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association or at such other time as scheduled by the Executive Committee.

3.2 Other Meeting. The Section may hold other meetings of members throughout the year upon the call of the Executive Committee of the Section.

3.3 Quorum. The members of the Section present at any properly convened meeting via articles 3.1 and 3.2 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3.4 Controlling Vote. Action of the Section shall be by a majority vote of the members present. Any members of the Association and the Section in good standing for thirty days prior to the time of voting shall be eligible to vote. In the first year of the Section, the 30-day good standing requirement for voting is waived and all members in good standing are eligible to vote.

3.5 Agenda. Among the matters of business to be transacted at the annual meeting of the Section shall be the election of officers and Executive Committee members. The agenda shall consist of other matters as decided by the Chair or Executive Committee.

3.6. Mail and Electronic Voting. The Executive Committee of the Section may direct that a matter be submitted to the members of the Section for vote by mail or electronically. Binding action of the Section shall be by a majority of the votes received from members in accordance with the rules fixed by the Executive Committee.

3.7 Notice of Meetings. Notices of meetings may be sent to the membership by fax, e-mail or regular mail as appropriate.

3.8 Electronic Attendance. Electronic participation may be used in addition to or in lieu of in person attendance or voting at Section functions. The Secretary or their designate shall record all electronic votes.

Article IV: Officers

4.1 Officers. The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

4.2 Election. All officers shall be elected for a one-year term at the annual meeting of the Section. No person shall be elected to an office for more than two consecutive one-year terms without the consent of the Executive Committee. After sitting out one annual election cycle a member may be elected for the same or a different officer position as previously held, or run for election to the Executive Committee.

4.3 Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Section and the Executive Committee, plan the program of the Section during his/her term subject to the direction and approval of the Executive Committee, keep the Executive Council of the Association informed of the Section
activities and perform such other duties as normally pertain to his/her office. The Chair, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Section, shall appoint such committees as are deemed necessary to promote the activities of the Section.

4.4 Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence, and shall aid the Chair in the performance of his/her responsibilities.

4.5 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and Executive Committee. He/she shall be the liaison between the Section and the Executive Director of the Association regarding the maintenance of records of the Section.

4.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies appropriated to and expended by the Section. He/she shall be the liaison between the Section and the Executive Director of the Association regarding the maintenance of financial records of the Section. He/she shall prepare an annual report of the financial affairs of the Section and submit it to the Executive Committee of the Section and the Executive Council of the Association.

**Article V: Executive Committee**

5.1 Powers. The Executive Committee shall be vested with the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the affairs of the Section, including the maintenance of the custody and disbursement of its funds pursuant to the requirements of the House of Delegates of the Association as a condition of doing so. It shall prepare a budget and authorize the expenditures of funds appropriated for the Section, provided however, it may not, except to the extent of funds available to the Section from dues, fees or other sources of revenue generated entirely by the Section, authorize commitments for the payment of more money during any fiscal year than the amount appropriated to the Section, as approved by the Executive Council of the Association.

5.2 Composition. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Section officers plus no fewer than six members nor more than 12 members at large elected by the Section membership for three-year terms. The terms of office shall be staggered so that up to four members are elected each year. No member may be elected for more than two consecutive terms without the approval of the Executive Committee. A member may be re-elected after sitting out a one-year cycle.

5.3 Election. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Section.

5.4 Controlling Vote. Action of the Executive Committee shall be by a majority vote of those members present in person or electronically. A quorum consisting of a majority of the Executive Committee members shall be required to conduct business.

5.5 Meetings. The Executive Committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each year at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Section. The Chair may, and upon request of five members of the Executive Committee shall, call special meetings of the Executive Committee.

5.6 Executive Committee Authority. Between meetings of the Section, the Executive Committee shall have authority to perform all acts and functions which the Section itself might perform.
Any such action taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the membership of the Section at its next meeting.

**Article VI: Relationship to Association**

6.1 **Section Support.** The Section shall support the Association in the performance of its functions. The Section shall assist the House of Delegates, Executive Council and Legislative Committee in monitoring laws, regulations, practices and proposed legislation relating to the field of the Section. It shall study and make recommendations concerning substantive and procedural laws applicable to the field of the Section.

6.2 **Association Support.** The Association shall support the Section in the performance of its functions. A member of the Executive Council of the Association designated by the President shall serve as the liaison between the Association and Section. The Section Chair, or another member elected by the Section, shall be an ex-officio member of the House of Delegates. The staff of the Association shall assist the Section in the performance of its functions and the maintenance of required records and reports.

6.3 **Approval of Action.** Any action of the Section must be approved by the Executive Council or House of Delegates of the Association before such action can be declared to be the action of the Association. All resolutions adopted and action taken by the Section shall be reported to the Executive Council of the Association. Neither the Section nor any member or representative thereof can appear before any legislative body to state a position of the Section, except as authorized by the Executive Council, Legislative Committee or President of the Association.

**Article VII: Approval and Amendments**

7.1 **Approval.** These Bylaws shall not become effective until approved by the House of Delegates. When approved, the date of such approval shall be stated here:

**APPROVED:** 10/20/2011
**AMENDED:** 2/1/2019

7.2 **Amendment.** The Bylaws may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Section. No amendment shall become effective until approved by the House of Delegates of the Association.