2022 Bylaw Amendment Section 93. Bylaws Governing Grand Chapter – Grand Representatives

Currently reads:

Section 93. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES of other Grand Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota shall be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron or any deserving member who has faithfully served for a period of seven (7) years* in a Chartered Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. Further, any member who has had a time lapse of two (2) years* from the completion of a Grand Representative appointment, Grand Office appointment or election and has remained active in the Chapter is eligible for an appointment. No person shall represent more than one Grand Chapter. A member may be appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term and still be eligible for another full-term appointment. Removal from this GRAND JURISDICTION, election or appointment to a Grand Office, shall cancel that Commission and the Worthy Grand Matron shall immediately fill the vacancy.

Change to read:

Section 93. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES of other Grand Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota shall be a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Past Matron, Past Patron or any deserving member who has faithfully served for a period of seven (7) years* in a Chartered Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. The term of a Grand Representative appointment will be for three (3) years. Further, any member who has had a time lapse of two (2) years* from the completion of a Grand Representative appointment, Grand Office appointment or election and has remained active in the Chapter is eligible for an appointment. No person shall represent more than one Grand Chapter. A member may be appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term and still be eligible for another full-term appointment. Removal from this GRAND JURISDICTION, election or appointment to a Grand Office, shall cancel that Commission and the Worthy Grand Matron shall immediately fill the vacancy.

Reason: Elected and appointed officers travel to other jurisdictions and it would be a benefit to continue their appointments as Grand Representatives and allow them the opportunity to represent our jurisdiction in a dual capacity. Additionally, our jurisdiction incurs large expenses in purchasing and mailing pins and commissions. There are several other jurisdictions who are currently utilizing a 3-year term. A 3-year term will benefit individuals in planning and saving for trips to their appointment jurisdictions.

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