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FROM: Sean Downey
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TO: Department of Texas Adjutant

SUBJECT: Modification to Article VIII, Section 810 of the TXMCLBL
Modification to Article XI, Section 1105 of the TXMCLBL
Modification to Chapter Ten, Section 10025 of the TXMCLAP

In accordance with TXMCLBL Article XI, Section 1100 and TXMCLAP Chapter Ten, Section 10020 the following is submitted for consideration by the body assembled at the 2026 Department of Texas Convention.

EXPLANATION of PROPOSED REVISION:

At the close of the National Convention, all approved NBL/NAP that do not have a specific effective date, become effective upon the close of that convention. The Department of Texas often waits until their next annual Department Convention to implement these necessary changes, which can result in delays of up to ten months. In other words, Department bylaws would routinely reflect non-compliance with National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

The way to correct this is to review and update the bylaws and administrative procedures promptly after the publication of the approved Department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures, and National Bylaws and Administrative Procedures. By doing this, the Detachment remains current with National and Department every year.

PROPOSED REVISIONS:

Article VIII, Section 810 of the TXMCLBL

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Department of Texas adheres to National Bylaws, Article VIII

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PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Department of Texas adheres to National Bylaws, Article VIII **with the addition of:**

Section 810. Bylaws and Administrative Procedures.

Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the National Bylaws and the Administrative Procedures which is approved at a National Convention and does not provide for an effective date, will become effective upon the close of the convention at which it is approved. (Rev 2025)

- A. Upon posting the updated national Bylaws and Administrative Procedures on the national website, all relevant department Bylaws and Administrative Procedures shall be revised to reflect and comply with them with just the requirement of approval from the Department elected officers. See TXMCLBL section 1105 and TXMCLAP section 10025 for details. (Rev 2025)

Article XI, Section 1105 of the TXMCLBL

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Section 1105. Effective Date. Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the Department Bylaws and the Administrative Procedures which is approved at a Department Convention and does not provide for an effective date, will become effective upon the close of the convention at which it is approved.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

Section 10025. Effective Date.

- A. Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the Department Bylaws and the Administrative Procedures which is approved at a Department Convention and does not provide an effective date, will become effective upon the close of the convention at which it is approved. (Rev 2025)
- B. Upon posting the updated National Bylaws on the National website, all relevant Department Bylaws shall be revised to reflect and comply with the National Bylaws. These updates shall be completed and submitted by the Department elected officers to the National Judge Advocate for compliance review and approval no later than 30 November annually. Timely submission is required to maintain the Department's status in good standing. (Rev 2025)

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Chapter Ten, Section 10025 of the TXMCLAP

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Section 10025. Effective Date. Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the Department Administrative Procedures which are approved at a Department Convention, as outlined in the Department Bylaws, ARTICLE XI, Section 1105, and does not provide for an effective date will become effective upon the close of the Department Convention at which it is approved.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE CHANGE

Section 10025. Effective Date.

- A. Each revision, amendment, or repeal of a provision of the Department Administrative Procedures which are approved at a Department Convention, as outlined in the Department Bylaws, ARTICLE XI, Section 1105, and does not provide for an effective date will become effective upon the close of the Department Convention at which it is approved. (Rev 2025)
- B. Upon posting the updated National Administrative Procedures on the National website, all relevant Department Administrative Procedures shall be revised to reflect and comply with the National Administrative Procedures. These updates shall be completed and submitted by the Department elected officers to the National Judge Advocate for compliance review and approval no later than 30 November annually. Timely submission is required to maintain the Department's status in good standing. (Rev 2025)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean P. Downey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "P" and "D". It is enclosed within a thin, irregular oval border.

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