

**Proposed By-Laws Change 2012-04  
2012 EAANG Annual Conference  
Little Rock, AR**

**Submitted by: SFC Jeffrey James Frisby, President, EAANG**

**AS READS:**

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**CHANGE TO READ:**

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**[ADD] c. In the event that the office of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President are vacated or any two of those positions are vacated within 90 days of each other due to resignation,**

termination, extended absences due to military duty of 60 days or more, or removal of office, a special election must take place in order to fill the vacant positions. The outgoing President will then seek nominations for each vacant position in accordance to the branch of service as described in ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS, Section 1 of the by-laws. Nominations will be accepted for a period of no less than (2) weeks but no more than (4) weeks. All individuals nominated must also accept the nomination, in writing, in order to be considered for the position. Once Nominations cease, the President will then request a special election. District 1-10 will get (2) votes in this special election, (1) for the District Representative and (1) for that districts most Senior Enlisted member. District 11 and 12 will get (1) vote each. The Executive Board will get (1) vote each, to include the outgoing members and the past president. A total of 28 votes can be cast for each vacant position. If more than two individuals are nominated for any position and a clear majority cannot be determined, the two individuals with the highest number of votes will then be placed in a runoff election where the highest number of votes wins the election. Upon determining the winner of the special election, the elected nominees will be sworn in immediately and begin assuming the duties of each respective office. The secretary must record, in minute format, that a special election was called for, the list of nominee's submitted, winner of the special election, and the swearing in of the elected nominee. The elected individuals fulfill the remaining time of the outgoing officer's terms.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Identifying the election procedures for Vacant Executive positions needed to be defined in order to protect the Executive Board from the loss of a majority or all of its Executive Leadership. Even the loss of one position leaves roles and responsibilities left unattended until a special election can be conducted. Waiting until the next General Assembly could lead to long gaps in those services being fulfilled.