



## 2017 Proposed Bylaw Amendment Proposal

### **Rationale:**

Upon consideration of feedback from state advisers, the Board of Directors reviewed the current FCCLA region alignment to ensure that members were equally represented by elected and appointed positions determined by region membership. The board considered many options and evaluated how these options would provide more equal representation and opportunities to all members. The board sought feedback from constituents through a survey. The Board of Directors reviewed the data from the survey and the responses from the constituent groups both holistically and individually by constituent groups and found:

- More than half of all respondents are in favor of region realignment.
- Respondent groups supported the alignment agreed upon by the board.
- The board feels this favored option best allocates the membership numbers across the country most effectively for the long-term needs of membership representation.

Based on the analysis of this data and responses, the board proposes the bylaw amendment to change the regions as noted in the amendment. This realignment is not meant to address membership numbers in these regions but instead to ensure all members receive more equal representation through national officer elections and state adviser elections. However, the board does believe the proposed realignment spreads the largest member states into various regions which can assist in providing knowledge and best practices to those states experiencing lower membership participation.

It is the rationale of the Board of Directors that this realignment is in the best interest of FCCLA members. The board is dedicated to continuing to work to assist at risk states while also making sure members are represented in a manner that is more equally balanced across the country.

The following bylaw amendment will be voted on by the voting delegates at  
the 2017 National Leadership Conference

Article III, Section 3. Regions

There shall be four designated regions of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America composed of the states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and ~~Guam~~ as follows:

~~CENTRAL REGION—Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin~~

Region 1: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Texas, Utah, Virgin Islands, Washington

~~NORTH ATLANTIC REGION—Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia~~

Region 2: Alaska, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Wyoming

~~PACIFIC REGION—Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming~~

Region 3: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia

~~SOUTHERN REGION—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands~~

Region 4: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia