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BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association supports efforts to insure the participation of homeless persons in the electoral process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association recommends that federal, state, territorial and local election laws, regulations and policies regarding residency determinations and the methods by which persons vote and by which voter registration is verified should not hinder or prevent registration and voting by homeless persons who are otherwise qualified to vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association recommends, and supports legislation to assure, that no voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, standard, practice, or procedure, shall be imposed or applied by any state or political subdivision to deny or abridge the right to vote of any citizen who resides at or in a nontraditional abode, which shall be read to include among other things (1) a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill); and (2) a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association encourages federal, state, territorial and local election officials to undertake active outreach efforts to inform homeless persons of voter registration and voting procedures.