

CHAPTER III

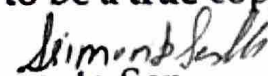
1. Eligibility of office-bearers of Bar Associations to contest election to a State Bar Council

- a. An advocate who is an office-bearer of a Bar Association shall be eligible to contest the election to a State Bar Council, provided that such advocate files an undertaking before the Returning Officer at the time of filing the nomination stating that, if elected as a member of the State Bar Council, the advocate shall not simultaneously hold more than one representative post and shall accordingly resign as an office-bearer of the Bar Association upon election, or in the alternative shall resign as a member of the State Bar Council if the advocate chooses to continue as an office-bearer of the Bar Association.
- b. If any advocate who holds a position as an office-bearer of a Bar Association is elected as a member of a State Bar Council, such advocate shall, within fifteen days from the date of declaration of results, exercise a written option to retain only one of the representative posts and shall communicate the same to the concerned Bar Association and the concerned State Bar Council.
- c. Upon exercise of such option, the advocate shall relinquish the other post or posts held by him or her and shall intimate the same in writing to the concerned Bar Association and the concerned State Bar Council for record and necessary action.
- d. If any advocate elected as a member of a State Bar Council fails to exercise the option and communicate relinquishment in terms of clause (b) within fifteen days from the date of declaration of results, such advocate shall be deemed to have vacated the office of Member of the State Bar Council upon expiry of the said period.

2. Commencement and Applicability

This amendment shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official gazette of India, after due approval from the Hon'ble Apex Court; and this shall apply to all cases where elections have not yet been held.

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