



Constitution of [The] Maryland Student Legislature

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Preamble

We, the students of higher education in the sovereign State of Maryland, in order to provide participatory education, while developing a forum to promote student ideas, opinions and involvement in public policy decision-making, do hereby ordain and establish, in accordance with Board of Directors and Corporate By-Laws of the Maryland Student Legislature, Incorporated, this Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature.

Article I: Title

This organization and its component Delegations shall forthwith be known as the Maryland Student Legislature herein referred to, at points, as the MSL.

Article II: Purpose

This organization shall provide an opportunity for the students of Maryland to assemble as members of legislative, executive and judicial bodies, using as a model the Maryland State Government. Through such a learning experience of the legislative, executive and judicial processes, appreciate the concept of representative government while fully realizing the responsibilities of citizenship.

Article III: Objectives

- Section I: To convene, study, discuss and act on issues brought before the legislative and judicial bodies of the MSL.
- Section II: To encourage greater public awareness concerning issues of public policy and provide a forum in which students across the state of Maryland can voice their opinions on issues of public policy.
- Section III: To develop among its members a dedication to the values of citizenship and democracy.
- Section IV: To teach parliamentary law while showcasing the debating, leadership and political talent of its members.

Article IV: Individual Membership

- Section I: There shall be two categories of individual membership in the Maryland Student Legislature: Regular and Advisory.

Section II: Regular Membership

- A. All persons enrolled and in good standing as a full or part-time student at an accredited institution of higher education within the State of Maryland with an undergraduate program shall be eligible for Regular membership.
- B. Persons eligible for Regular membership must form or be registered with an official Delegation of the Maryland Student Legislature at the institution which they are presently enrolled, provided that there is more than one other person at the institution who wishes to be a Regular member.
- C. Regular members shall have all rights and privileges to speak and vote in any forum of the MSL except for the meetings of the Board of Directors, and unless otherwise established herein and without prejudice to the status of their delegation.
- D. Regular membership shall terminate when a person ceases to be enrolled at an institution of higher education within the State of Maryland.
- E. Regular members shall be certified for their eligibility to be a Regular Member by the institution in which they are enrolled to the Secretary of State through their Delegation Chairperson.
- F. Once certified by the Delegation Chairperson to the Secretary of State as a Regular member, such member shall be referred to as "Delegate" in all forums unless such title is not appropriate due to a higher position within the organization, in which case they shall be referred to by such title as may be appropriate.

Section III: Advisory Membership

- A. There shall be three types of Advisory Membership: State Faculty Panel, Alumni and Honorary.
- B. State Faculty Panel
 1. Any person currently serving as a member of the faculty or administration at an accredited institution of higher education within the State of Maryland duly chosen by the Board of Directors shall be a member of the State Faculty Panel.
 2. The State Faculty Panel shall assist and consult with the Board of Directors, Council of State, State Government and any Delegation of this organization on administrative and programmatic affairs of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- C. Alumni
 1. Any person who is a former member of MSL upon receipt of a service certificate shall constitute alumni membership.
 2. Alumni members shall serve in an advisory capacity only.
 3. Alumni members may be appointed to the Board of Directors or State Faculty Panel, as may be appropriate.
 4. Alumni members may affiliate with the MSL Alumni Association, which shall conduct and sponsor activities, which foster the continued interest of current and former members of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- D. Honorary
 1. Any person of recognized ability with distinguished public or private service, as deemed by a simple majority vote of the MSL State Government shall be eligible for Honorary membership.
 2. Upon approval by the State Government of a person as an honorary member, the Governor shall extend an invitation to the person to serve as same, with the honor being presented, where possible, at a regularly scheduled event of the MSL.
 3. Honorary members shall serve as advisors and consultants to the MSL and shall have those rights and privileges as may be accorded by the State Government, but shall not be allowed voting privileges in any forum of the MSL.
 4. Honorary membership may be awarded posthumously.
 5. Honorary membership shall be awarded for a period of five years, which may be renewed as many times as the State Government shall see fit.
 6. Honorary membership may be terminated by written request of the member or his/her estate (where awarded or held posthumously), or revoked by a majority vote of the State Government.

- Section IV: The State Government may establish by a majority vote, other requirements for individual membership such that they do not conflict with Section II and Section III of this Article or provide a significant burden upon any individual to be eligible for Regular or Honorary membership.
- Section V: There shall be no practice of discrimination of Individual Membership on the basis of race, age, religion, color, creed, handicap, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or political affiliation.

Article V: Delegation Membership

- Section I: Any accredited institution of higher education in the State of Maryland shall be eligible for Delegation membership within the Maryland Student Legislature.
- Section II: Institutions wishing to form a delegation must complete the following:
- A. Affiliate with and comprise itself of all interested students of the institution who adhere to the criteria, rules and requirements set forth by the Delegation.
 - B. Contain at least one undergraduate regular member in its delegation.
 - C. Register itself, its officers and all members eligible and wishing to be granted Regular membership.
 - D. Designate a member of the faculty or staff at the institution to serve as an advisor to the Delegation.
 - E. Create and file a delegation constitution.
- Section III: Delegations meeting the requirements in Section II shall be issued a charter by the Secretary of State and signed by the Governor of MSL.
- Section IV: Annually each Delegation must complete the following:
- A. Affiliate with and comprise itself of all interested students of the institution who adhere to the criteria, rules and requirements set forth by the Delegation.
 - B. Elect Delegation officers that are needed for the function of the Delegation. At a minimum each Delegation must designate one member as its Chairperson and another member as its Secretary.
 - C. Register itself, its officers and all members eligible and wishing to be granted Regular membership.
 - D. File an updated delegation constitution if needed.
 - E. Pay any fees as may be required by the Maryland Student Legislature.
 - F. Attend a preponderance of MSL Events.
- Section V: Delegations granted a Charter shall have the following rights:
- A. To petition to host any event of the Maryland Student Legislature.
 - B. To have its members seek any Office of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- Section VI: Removal of a Delegation Charter
- A. The State Government, upon petition of any three members of the State Government, may revoke or suspend by a 3/4 majority the Charter of a Delegation for the following reasons.
 1. Violation(s) of the guidelines set forth in this document.
 2. Non-payment of financial obligations.
 3. Non-activity of membership.
 4. Misconduct of a preponderance of the Delegation members with sufficient relation to their membership in the MSL.
 - B. A Delegation may appeal, within 30 days of the decision of the State Government, to the General Assembly's next regular meeting under procedures established by the Presiding Officer, requiring a two-thirds majority to over-ride the decision of the State Government.

Article VI: The Legislative Branch

- Section I: All legislative powers of the Maryland Student Legislature herein granted shall be vested in a legislative body herein referred to as the General Assembly.

- Section II: All Legislative Officers of the Maryland Student Legislature shall execute the duties of their office upon being elected and duly sworn-in, being duly elected, or upon their appointment, and shall hold their office until their successors are chosen and installed or their removal from office.
- Section III: The General Assembly shall meet at least once per year in the Annual Legislative Session, and may convene from time to time as may be called by the State Government in a forum known as an Interim Assembly, provided that proper notice is given to all Delegations and Regular Members.
- Section IV: When meeting as a unicameral body the General Assembly shall maintain a Journal of its proceedings.
- Section V: When meeting as a unicameral body the General Assembly shall be presided over by the Speaker of the Assembly and in his or her absence the Speaker Pro Tempore shall server as the presiding officer.
- Section VI: During the Annual Legislative Session, the General Assembly shall meet as a bicameral body with chambers known as the House of Delegates and Senate. The General Assembly may also meet as a unicameral body for the purposes of conference presentations, elections, constitutional amendments, and as deemed necessary by the State Government.
- Section VII: The General Assembly shall consist of all Regular members, except for the Governor and Attorney General.
- Section VIII: The convening of the General Assembly shall be for the purpose of conducting legislative, organizational, and administrative business.
- Section IX: The General Assembly may convene only if a quorum is present, which is defined as a majority of the Regular members present determined at the opening roll call of the legislative year that more than two Delegations are represented.
- Section X: The General Assembly shall possess the authority to:
- A. Hold elections for Officers of the MSL.
 - B. Debate and confirm appointments for Officers of the MSL.
 - C. Install Officers of the MSL.
 - D. Hold proceedings for the removal of any Officer.
 - E. Adopt the Official Budget of the Maryland Student Legislature.
 - F. Propose, debate and vote upon bills and resolutions duly introduced by its Members.
 - G. Reconsider the veto of the Governor, provided that a three-fifths affirmative majority is achieved to override the veto.
 - H. Perform other functions as may be necessary to the functioning of the organization.
- Section XI: At the Annual Legislative Session, the General Assembly shall additionally possess the authority to:
- A. Elect an Awards Committee composed of four members of the House of Delegates and three members of the Senate, which shall:
 1. Elect a committee chairman.
 2. Select, for the legislative year, the winners of the following awards:
 - a. Most Outstanding Act
 - b. Most Outstanding Resolution
 - c. Most Outstanding Delegation
 - d. Most Outstanding Delegate
 - e. Most Outstanding Senator
 - f. Best Orator
 - g. William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service, which must be awarded to a member nominated by his or her delegation prior to the Annual Session according to criteria established by the Council of State.
 - h. Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. Award for Up and Coming New Members, which must be awarded to a member nominated by his or her delegation at Annual Session according to criteria established by the Council of State. Only first and second year members of MSL are eligible for this award.

- B. Hear the inaugural address of the newly elected MSL Governor.
- C. Hear the State of the State Address of the outgoing MSL Governor.
- D. Have certificates of service bestowed upon new alumni members of the MSL by the Secretary of State.

Section XII: The General Assembly may not:

- A. Convene without the concurrence of the State Government.
- B. Propose or debate any legislation with the similar intent of any Act, Resolution, or Amendment of any type of the Maryland Student Legislature considered on third reading in the previous year, or which has similar intent of any Act or Resolution of the Maryland Student Legislature introduced within its current legislative year.

Section XIII: When the General Assembly convenes as a bicameral body:

- A. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as President of the Senate.
- B. The Senate shall elect its own President Pro Tempore who shall serve as the Presiding Officer in the absence of the President of the Senate.
- C. The Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as the Speaker of the House of Delegates. In his or her absence the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve as the presiding officer.
- D. The Committees of the General Assembly shall remain as if the body were unicameral and offer its report to both chambers.
- E. Legislation will be heard first in the chamber in which its sponsor is a member and may not be considered in the other chamber without the approval of the legislation in its originating chamber.
- F. Both houses must follow the schedule established by the State Government.
- G. Each chamber shall establish a quorum at its first session and may not conduct business without such a quorum being in attendance, however a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may compel the attendance of absent members.
- H. Each chamber shall keep a Journal of its proceedings.
- I. Neither chamber shall proceed with a standing recess without the consent of the other chamber, nor to any place other than that in which the two chambers shall be sitting.
- J. The chamber that last approves an Act or Resolution shall have the responsibility of immediately forwarding it to the Governor for his or her approval.
- K. A three-fifths affirmative majority of both chambers shall be necessary to override the veto of the Governor.

Section XIV: The legislative year shall operate from the call to order of the General Assembly and continue until the General Assembly adjourns sine die at the Annual Legislative Session. Nothing within this section shall prohibit the State Government from functioning at other times of the year.

Section XV: The Legislative Branch shall function under these additional rules:

- A. Standing Rules of Order – shall not be suspended in their entirety, rescinded, annulled or repealed. It may however be amended as prescribed within the rules.
- B. Writing Manual for Acts and Resolutions – shall not be suspended in their entirety, rescinded, annulled or repealed. It may however be amended as prescribed within the manual.

Article VII: The Executive Branch

Section I: All Executive Power of the Maryland Student Legislature herein granted shall rest with the Governor, the Council of State, and the State Government.

Section II: All Executive Officers of the Maryland Student Legislature shall execute the duties of their office upon being elected and duly sworn-in, or upon their confirmation and swearing-in, or upon their appointment, and shall hold their office until their successors are chosen and installed or their removal from office.

Section III: The Executive Branch shall function under these additional rules:

- A. Protocols and Procedures – Shall not be suspended in their entirety, rescinded, annulled, or repealed.

Article VIII: Council of State & State Government

Section I: Council of State

- A. The Council of State of the Maryland Student Legislature consists of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Speaker of the Assembly and Comptroller.
- B. The Council of State functions as the Executive Committee of the State Government.
- C. The Council of State shall be responsible for setting the criteria for the William Troy Simmons & Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Awards.
- D. The Council of State shall be responsible for establishing the procedures for application for candidacy for an Office in the MSL.
- E. The duties of the members of the Council of State are as follows:
 1. Governor
 - a. Represents, and is the chief programmatic and executive officer of the organization known as the Maryland Student Legislature.
 - b. Represents the programmatic division of the Maryland Student Legislature to the MSL Board of Directors.
 - c. Calls to order and presides over the meetings of the Council of State and State Government.
 - d. Signs or vetoes all legislation passed by the General Assembly by the standing recess of an Interim Assembly or adjournment sine die of the Annual Legislative Session, or else it shall become an Act or Resolution of the Maryland Student Legislature; with the Governor's signature, the legislation becomes an Act or Resolution of the Maryland Student Legislature; said veto subject to override by the provisions contained in this document.
 - e. Works with the MSL Comptroller in preparation and presentation of the Official MSL Budget.
 - f. Supervises the work of all of his or her appointees.
 - g. Appoints the following officials of the State Government, whose specific duties he or she shall set, except as where may be guided by or provided for in this document:
 - i. Chief of Staff who shall assist the Governor in coordinating the work of the State Government.
 - ii. Director of Public Relations who shall coordinate all media relations and press coverage of the MSL.
 - iii. State Political Liaison who shall coordinate all relations with the Maryland General Assembly, and all other appointed and elected officials in Maryland and who shall distribute the Compendium of Acts and Resolutions. The State Political Liaison upon appointment shall require confirmation by the General Assembly
 - iv. Any other official as may be necessary to the functioning of the State Government.
 - h. Delivers a State of the State Address and Inaugural Address.
 2. Lieutenant Governor
 - a. Assumes the Office of the Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature in the event of death, resignation or removal by any other means of the current MSL Governor.
 - b. Serves as the President of the Senate during the Annual Session.
 - c. Coordinates the development and recruitment of individual Delegations, with the assistance of a Membership Coordinator.
 - d. Coordinates the preparations for the Annual Legislative Session with the Annual Session Coordinator and the State Political Liaison.
 - e. May appoint a Chief of Staff, Membership Coordinator, and Annual Session

Coordinator.

- f. Handles any other duties as assigned by the Governor, Council of State or General Assembly.

3. Attorney General

- a. Acts as the Chief Legal Advisor to the Maryland Student Legislature by providing or obtaining any necessary legal advice on matters pertaining to the MSL.
- b. Acts as chief advisor, interpreter and enforcer of this Constitution by issuing rulings subject to appeal and review by the Council of State, said body requiring a majority of its members to overrule the decision of the Attorney General.
- c. Assigns all legislation to an appropriate Committee of the General Assembly.
- d. Responsible for coordination and execution of the Leadership Training Institute.
- e. Supplies all Delegations with information regarding the parliamentary law of the MSL.
- f. Appoints any Assistant Attorneys General, which may be necessary.
- g. Handles any other duties as assigned by the Council of State or General Assembly.

4. Secretary of State

- a. Notifies all Regular members and Delegations of meetings of the General Assembly.
- b. Certifies and issues charters to all Delegations.
- c. Certifies members for Alumni status and issues service certificates.
- d. Coordinates the elections of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- e. Maintains all administrative records of the Maryland Student Legislature at a central location.
- f. Maintains the Journal of the General Assembly.
- g. Maintains the minutes of the Council of State and State Government.
- h. Maintains a database of all Regular and Honorary Members.
- i. Maintains all physical inventory of the MSL.
- j. Handles any other duties as assigned by the Governor, Council of State or General Assembly.
- k. Maintain an archive of the traditions, delegates, delegations and legislation of the Maryland Student Legislature for historical use, thus being the historian for the MSL.

5. The Speaker of the Assembly has the authority to:

- a. Preside over the Assembly in a unicameral body and over the House of Delegates in a bicameral body.
- b. Appoint a Speaker Pro Tempore who shall serve in his/her absence.
- c. Appoint the Chairman and Members of all Committees of the General Assembly, who shall serve at his or her pleasure.
- d. Decide on all points of order of the Assembly or the House of Delegates, subject to appeal.
- e. Sit as an ex-officio member, without vote, of all Committees of the General Assembly.
- f. Handle any other duties as assigned by the Council of State, General Assembly or as may be required by this office.

6. Comptroller

- a. Maintain a ledger of the Maryland Student Legislature, accounts, and reports on their balance at all State Government meetings.
- b. Collect Delegation membership dues established by the Council of State.
 - i. Dues are collected no later than October 1st of the current legislative year.

- ii. Delegations paying dues after October 1st will be assessed a late-fee by the Council of State.
- c. Manage a system of reimbursement for the organization.
- d. Will be responsible for the creation and presentation of a yearly budget.
- e. Will be responsible for the creation of a yearly financial report to be presented an Annual Session.
- f. Will be responsible for coordinating the organization's fundraising efforts.
- g. Will be responsible for assessing and collecting registration fees at all organization sponsored events.
 - i. Registration will be collected by the end of each event.
 - ii. If the fee is not collected, a late-fee will be assessed.
 - iii. The amount of the late fee will be determined by the Council of State.
- h. Handles any other duties as assigned by the Governor, Council of State or General Assembly.

F. All appointees of MSL officers serve at the pleasure and for the term of office of their appointer.

Section II: The State Government

- A. Shall be comprised of the Council of State and the Delegation Chairpersons of every chartered Delegation.
- B. Shall be presided over by the Governor and in his absence the Lieutenant Governor.
- C. Shall provide organizational and administrative direction to the Maryland Student Legislature.
- D. Shall have the following responsibilities:
 - 1. Call meetings of the General Assembly with proper notice.
 - 2. Establish criteria and approve bids for the hosting of the various events sponsored by the MSL.
 - 3. Establish the schedule for all Interim Assembly's and the Annual Legislative Session.
 - 4. Consider nominations for and revocation of Honorary Membership.
 - 5. Establish, as may be necessary, requirements for membership.
 - 6. Collect fees from Delegations.
 - 7. Consider disputes in the granting of Charters and petitions for revocation of same.
 - 8. Acknowledge, upon request, members of the MSL.
 - 9. Assemble the State Faculty Panel.
 - 10. Consider and make judgment, subject to appeal to the General Assembly, on charges for impeachment of any Officer.
 - 11. Handle any other business that may be pertinent to the functioning of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- E. Quorum for all meetings of the State Government shall be one more than half the number of members at the close of the proceeding legislative year.

Article IX: The Judicial Branch

Section I: All Judicial Power of the Maryland Student Legislature herein granted shall rest with the Attorney General, and his or her appointees.

Section II: All Judicial Officers of the Maryland Student Legislature shall execute the duties of their office upon being elected and duly sworn-in, or upon their appointment, and shall hold their office until their successors are chosen and installed or their removal from office.

Article X: Election of Officers

- Section I: All non appointed officers of the Maryland Student Legislature shall be elected at a forum designated by the State Government at the Annual Legislative Session.
- Section II: The Standing Rules of Order and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern Elections for other legislative officers in that order.
- Section III: Officers shall serve a one-year term and be eligible for only one additional term in that same office, yet may serve in other offices in subsequent years.
- Section IV: Regular members who wish to seek candidacy for an office shall apply by the deadline established by the State Government according to the procedures established by the Council of State.
- Section V: Candidates for an office in the Maryland Student Legislature shall:
- A. Be a Regular member of the MSL at a Chartered Delegation.
 - B. Have attended one official event of the MSL prior to their nomination, except for the Office of Governor, for which the candidate must have attended at least two official events of the MSL including at least one previous Annual Session.
 - C. Not be nominated for any office in which they have served two full one-year terms.
- Section VI: The highest-ranking officer not seeking office shall conduct elections for all offices. In the event that no officer meets this criteria the General Assembly shall elect a chairman for the purpose of conducting elections.
- Section VII: Election Proceedings shall follow the procedural order established below:
- A. Elections will commence with the offices of Comptroller, Speaker of the Assembly, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor and Governor.
 - B. The Presiding Officer will open election proceedings the first day by stating the procedures contained in this section. In the case of an office where the Secretary of State has certified no candidates the Presiding Officer shall then ask for nominations from the floor. A person nominated from the floor must meet all requirements established in Section V.
 - C. The Presiding Officer will then recognize an individual designated by each candidate who shall officially place the name of the certified candidate into nomination and be given the opportunity to speak on the candidates behalf for a period not greater than 3 minutes, followed by a person designated by the candidate who shall second the nomination and be given the opportunity to speak on the candidates behalf for a period not greater than 3 minutes.
 - D. After all candidates have been nominated and seconded, each candidate, in alphabetical order shall have the opportunity to address the General Assembly for up to 10 minutes.
 - E. After all candidates for all offices have been given the opportunity to address the General Assembly, the Presiding Officer shall recess the election proceedings until the following day.
 - F. Upon reconvening on the following day for the purpose of concluding the election proceedings the presiding officer shall order ballots distributed to each individual member, to be returned anonymously, with a simple majority required for election to office.
 - G. Upon the conclusion of tallying and recording of the ballots, the designee shall notify the Presiding Officer of the results, who shall announce the results on the evening of the second day at an event designated by the council of state for the purpose of announcing election results.
 - H. The results of any election are subject to appeal, provided that the appeal is submitted in writing to the State Government within 24 hours of the election. The State Government, less any member who is a candidate affected by the appeal, shall hear the appeal within 24 hours of its receipt and issue a judgment requiring a 3/4 majority to overturn the election and having overturned the results shall order it held anew.
- Section VII: No proxy or write-in votes shall be allowed for any election.
- Section VIII: The State Government may issue other guidelines for campaigns and elections provided that they do not contravene this document in whole or part.

Section IX: All Officers and their appointees, except where provided herein, shall be sworn in at a time and place set aside by the outgoing Council of State not prior to the final session of the General Assembly nor later than the adjournment sine die of the General Assembly and shall recite the following oath:

"I, (state name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of (state office) of the Maryland Student Legislature and will do my best to protect, preserve, defend and uphold the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature, the Constitution of the great sovereign State of Maryland and the Constitution of the United States of America."

Article XI: Officer Succession

- Section I: In the event of death, resignation or removal by other means of any appointed member of the State Government, the appropriate appointer shall fill the position. In all cases of the appointer's officer being vacant, all his or her appointments shall remain filled until relieved of duty by the new officer or by the superseding officer.
- Section II: In the event of the death, resignation or removal by other means of the current MSL Governor, the current MSL Lieutenant Governor shall assume the Office of the Governor.
- Section III: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the Attorney General shall serve as the Acting Governor until a special election is held to fill the vacancies.
- Section IV: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, the Secretary of State shall serve as the Acting Governor until a special election is held to fill the vacancies.
- Section V: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State, the Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as the Acting Governor until a special election is held to fill the vacancies.
- Section VI: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and the Speaker of the Assembly, the Comptroller shall serve as the Acting Governor until a special election is held to fill the vacancies.
- Section VII: In the event of simultaneous vacancies in the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Speaker of the Assembly and Comptroller, any member elected by the remaining members of the State Government shall serve as the Acting Governor until a special election is held to fill the vacancies.
- Section VIII: In the event of the death, resignation or removal by any other means of the current Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Speaker of the Assembly or Comptroller, the Governor shall nominate a member to fill the vacancy within 30 days of said vacancy, subject to confirmation of the State Government.

Article XII: Impeachment

- Section I: All elected officials of the MSL may have impeachment proceedings brought against them on the grounds of malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance to the Maryland Student Assembly.
- Section II: The impeachment process for the elected officials shall involve a statement of charges filed by any Regular member with the Council of State who shall appoint three members to investigate such charge by compelling any witnesses or evidence as may be necessary.
- Section III: The committee appointed by the Council of State shall, within thirty days of establishment, issue a statement of findings and a recommendation of disposition of the charges to the State Government.
- Section IV: Within thirty days of receipt of such statement of findings, the State Government shall meet to consider the recommendations of the committee and issue a judgment on the charges, said judgment requiring a 2/3 affirmative vote to remove an elected official from office.
- Section V: The decision of the State Government shall be subject to appeal before the General Assembly, said appeal requiring a 2/3 affirmative vote to overrule the decision of the State Government.
- Section VI: No member of the Council of State who is charged in such impeachment proceedings shall sit as a member of the State Government during the impeachment proceedings, but may continue to execute the duties of his or her office.

Article XIII: Amendments

- Section I: Any Regular member may propose a constitutional amendment by presenting said amendment to the State Government on a form provided by the Attorney General.
- Section II: The State Government shall hear testimony on said amendment at its next regular meeting and make a recommendation to the General Assembly as to the disposition of the constitutional amendment.
- Section III: The General Assembly shall place said amendment on its calendar at the next Annual Session, where it shall debate and vote upon the proposed amendment. A three-fourths majority vote of those present and voting shall be required to adopt the amendment.
- Section IV: Upon passage by the General Assembly, the amendment shall be presented to the Maryland Student Legislature, Inc. Board of Directors for approval at their next meeting.
- Section V: Upon approval by the Maryland Student Legislature, Inc. Board of Directors, the amendment shall take effect immediately after its adoption.

Article XIV: Ratification

- Section I: This Constitution shall be ratified by the Resolutions Committee at a time designated by the Council of State, provided that it shall be transmitted to all Regular members prior to said meeting.
- Section II: Upon ratification by the General Assembly, the Constitution shall become effective with the swearing-in of the Executive Officers for its next legislative year. This document shall then become binding upon all components of the Maryland Student Legislature and not superseded by any other document, except the Corporate Charter and By-Laws of the Maryland Student Legislature, Inc.

Article XV: Dissolution

- Section I: It shall require a unanimous vote of the Council of State and the Board of Directors to dissolve the Maryland Student Legislature.
- Section II: Upon dissolution, all assets, files and property shall be distributed in a manner determined by the Council of State and Board of Directors, with all financial assets being divided equally among the Delegations or as required by the laws of the State of Maryland.