

SR004-0102

10 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING
20 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
30 OF THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE

40 FOR the purposes of clarifying and adding to the duties of the Attorney General.

50 BY repealing, and reenacting with amendments
60 Article VIII: Council of State & State Government
70 Section I, Subsection E (3): Attorney General
80 Maryland Student Legislature Constitution

90 WHEREAS: Currently, the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature is vague
100 regarding certain duties of the Attorney General; and,

110 WHEREAS: It is of great importance for all members of the Maryland Student Legislature
120 to have access to the governing documents of the organization; and,

130 WHEREAS: Uncertainty over parliamentary protocol and state statutes may hinder the
140 ability of members to make informed decisions during legislative sessions; and,

150 WHEREAS: Improving the body's understanding of parliamentary procedure and the laws
160 of the State of Maryland would boost the integrity of the Maryland Student
170 Legislature.

180 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that the
190 Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature reads as follows:

200 **Article VIII: Council of State & State Government**

210 Section I: Council of State

220 E. The duties of the members of the Council of State are as follows:

230 3. Attorney General

240 a. Acts as the Chief Legal Advisor to the Maryland Student
250 Legislature by providing or obtaining any necessary legal
260 advice on matters pertaining to the MSL.

270 b. Acts as chief advisor, interpreter and enforcer of this
280 Constitution by issuing rulings subject to appeal and review by
290 the Council of State, said body requiring a majority of its
300 members to overrule the decision of the Attorney General.

310 c. Assigns all legislation to an appropriate Committee of the
320 General Assembly.

330 d. Responsible for coordination and execution of the Leadership
340 Training Institute.

350 e. Supplies ~~all Delegations with information regarding the~~
360 ~~parliamentary law of the MSL.~~ EACH DELEGATION
370 CHAIRPERSON WITH COPIES OF ALL GOVERNING
380 DOCUMENTS OF THE MSL PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING

390 OF EACH LEGISLATIVE YEAR, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
400 LIMITED TO:

410 i. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MSL
420 ii. THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER OF THE
430 MSL
440 iii. THE WRITING MANUAL FOR ACTS AND
450 RESOLUTIONS

460 f. MAKES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY ALL MEMBERS
470 COPIES OF ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AS LISTED
480 IN SUBSECTION E. 3. (e.) OF THIS DOCUMENT AT ALL
490 MEETINGS OF THE MSL WHERE LEGISLATION IS
500 DEBATED.

510 g. WORKS WITH INTERIM ASSEMBLY HOST
520 DELEGATIONS AND THE ANNUAL SESSION
530 COORDINATOR TO ARRANGE ACCESS TO THE
540 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AT ALL
550 MEETINGS OF THE MSL WHERE LEGISLATION IS
560 DEBATED.

570 ~~f~~ h. Appoints any Assistant Attorneys General, which may be
580 necessary.

590 ~~g~~ i. Handles any other duties as assigned by the Council of State
600 or General Assembly.

610 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this shall take effect July 1, 2002.

620 MANDATES: Incoming Governor, Maryland Student Legislature
630 Incoming Lieutenant Governor, Maryland Student Legislature
640 Incoming Speaker of the Assembly, Maryland Student Legislature
650 Incoming Attorney General, Maryland Student Legislature
660 Incoming Secretary of State, Maryland Student Legislature
670 Mr. William Troy Simmons, Chairman, Board of Directors, Maryland Student
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