

**SR001-0304**

**State Government Recommendation: Favorable**

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**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE**

30 FOR the purpose of allowing Awards Committee members to vote on pending legislation

40 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments  
50 Article VI: The Legislative Branch  
60 Section XII

60 WHEREAS: The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature mandates an Awards  
70 Committee be created each Annual Session; and,

80 WHEREAS: The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature also mandates this  
90 committee be comprised of student delegates; and,

100 WHEREAS: Students volunteering as members of the Awards Committee potentially miss  
110 votes they would otherwise attend; and,

120 WHEREAS: Members of the Maryland Student Legislature have the right to vote on all  
130 pending legislation brought into their respective legislative bodies;

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

160 **ARTICLE VI: The Legislative Branch**

170 SECTION XII: At the Annual Legislative Session, the General Assembly shall additionally  
180 possess the authority to:

190 A: Elect an Awards Committee composed of four members of the House of Delegates  
200 and three members of the Senate, which shall:

210 1. Elect a committee chairman.

220 2. Select, for the legislative year, the winners of the following awards:

230 a. Most Outstanding Act

240 b. Most Outstanding Resolution

350 c. Most Outstanding Delegation

360 d. Most Outstanding Delegate

370 e. Most Outstanding Senator

280 f. Best Orators

290 g. William Troy Simmons Award for Distinguished Career of Service, which  
300 must be awarded to a member nominated by his or her delegation prior to the  
310 Annual Session according to criteria established by the Council of State.

320 h. Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Award for Up and Coming New Members,

330 which must be awarded to a member nominated by his or her delegation at  
340 Annual Session according to criteria established by the Council of State.  
350 Only first and second year member of MSL are eligible for this award.

360 3. FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE,  
370 HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN ONE PERSON TO VOTE BY PROXY  
380 FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR ANY  
390 ROLL CALL VOTE CAST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE BODY

400 SECTION 2.AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this shall take effect at Annual Session of  
410 2004.

420 MANDATES: Governor Katie Nash, Maryland Student Legislature  
430 Lt. Governor Patrick Abbondandolo, Maryland Student Legislature  
440 Attorney General Dan Holler, Maryland Student Legislature  
450 Secretary of State Titus Hamlett, Maryland Student Legislature  
460 Speaker of the Assembly Byron Mcfarlane, Maryland Student Legislature  
470 Chairman of the Board Susan McConkey, MSL Board of Directors  
480 Secretary of the Board William Troy Simmons, MSL Board of Directors

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