

**SR012-0304**

10        **A SIMPLE RESOLUTION CONCERNING**  
20        **AMENDING THE PARTY NAMES IN THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURES'**  
30        **STANDING RULES SUPPLEMENT: CAUCUS PROCEDURES**

40        FOR the purposes of amending the Maryland Student Legislature Standing Rules of Order  
50        Supplement: Caucus Procedures

60        **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Student Legislature needs to update its political party names; and,

70        **WHEREAS:** The Tories and the Federalists are political parties that are no longer around or  
80        active; and,

90        **WHEREAS:** That the two prevalent ideologies of today are Conservative and Liberal; and,

100       **WHEREAS:** These two ideologies encompass a great spectrum of political views; and,

110       **WHEREAS:** Independents are also viable as a party option because it will provide for  
120       participants in the Maryland Student Legislature who wish to decline to join a political party  
130       based on one ideology; and,

140       **WHEREAS:** That the participants in the Maryland Student Legislature deserve a more defined  
150       choice in choosing which party to belong to; and,

160       **WHEREAS:** This will make the Maryland Student Legislature more updated with today's  
170       political structures.

180       SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that  
190       the Standing Rules of Order Supplement: Caucus Procedures reads as follows:

200       § C1 Political Parties/Caucuses

210       A. The Maryland Student Legislature shall be divided among political parties. These parties shall  
220       represent different interests within the Legislature. At the onset of these rules, parties shall consist  
230       of:

240       ~~Federalist~~ LIBERAL Party

250       The ~~Federalist~~ LIBERAL party shall be considered the party of liberal thought. ~~Its mascot shall be~~  
260       ~~the bear and may be referred to as the "bear party."~~ The party platform and philosophy  
270       shall be determined by its members and this determination shall be found by use of a caucus.

280       ~~Tories~~ CONSERVATIVE Party

290       The ~~Tories~~ CONSERVATIVE party shall be considered the party of conservative thought. ~~Its~~  
300       ~~mascot shall be the longhorn and may be referred to as the "longhorn party."~~ The  
310       party platform and philosophy shall be determined by its members and this determination shall be  
320       found by use of a caucus.

330       B. All members who do not voluntarily affiliate with a political party shall be considered  
340       independent. Independent members shall not vote or take part in any caucus except when gathered  
350       with other independent members and in the process of banding together to form a third party.

360       C. Third parties may be formed at any time prior to the close of caucusing before the first joint or  
370       bicameral session at any Interim Assembly (IA) or Annual Session (AS) of the Maryland Student

380 Legislature. Any group of members who are independent may band together to form a third party  
390 so long as they consist of at least ten members and their names and the name of their party are  
400 presented to the Attorney General prior to the close of caucusing before the first joint or bicameral  
410 session of any IA or AS.

420 SECTION 2 AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this shall take effect at Annual Session  
430 year 2004.

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460 Lt. Governor Patrick Abbondandolo  
470 Attorney General Dan Holler  
480 Secretary of State Titus Hamlett  
490 Speaker of the Assembly Byron Macfarlane  
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