

SR016-0304

State Government Recommendation: Unfavorable

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

30 **FOR** the purpose of changing the number of delegates needed to amend the Maryland
40 Student Legislature Constitution

50 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendment
60 Article XIII: Amendment
70 Section III

80 **WHEREAS:** The constitution currently allows a constitutional amendment
90 when 3/4 vote of the delegates voting vote in the affirmative; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Currently the Maryland General Assembly only necessitates
110 a 3/5 majority vote; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** A vote of 3/4 of delegates in the affirmative is very difficult
130 in a body of 100 where only 26 are needed to stop changes
140 to the constitution; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** A vote of 2/3 is much more reasonable.

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

180 **Article XIII: Amendments**

190 Section I: Any Regular member may propose a constitutional amendment by presenting said
200 amendment to the State Government on a form provided by the Attorney General.

210 Section II: The State Government shall hear testimony on said amendment at its next regular
220 meeting and make a recommendation to the General Assembly as to the disposition of the
230 constitutional amendment.

240 Section III: The General Assembly shall place said amendment on its calendar at its next meeting,
250 where it shall debate and vote upon the proposed amendment. A ~~three-fourths~~
260 TWO-THIRDS majority vote of those present and voting shall be required to adopt the
270 amendment.

280 Section IV: The amendment shall take effect thirty days after its adoption and be noted in an
290 addendum to the Constitution until such time as the Council of State orders the Constitution
300 reprinted with all amendments incorporated therein.

310 **SECTION 2.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this shall take effect June 1st, 2004.

320 **MANDATES:** Governor Katie Nash, Maryland Student Legislature
330 Lt. Governor Patrick Abbondandolo, Maryland Student Legislature
340 Attorney General Dan Holler, Maryland Student Legislature
350 Comptroller Craig Reynolds, Maryland Student Legislature
360 Secretary of State Titus Hamlett, Maryland Student Legislature
370 Speaker of the Assembly Byron Mcfarlane, Maryland Student Legislature
380 Chairman of the Board Susan McConkey, MSL Board of Directors
390 Secretary of the Board William Troy Simmons, MSL Board of Directors

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