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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 A. EACH PERSON ASSIGNED A PROXY VOTE MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED  
410 MORE THEN ONE VOTE BY PROXY.

420 B. THE PERSON RECEIVING THE PROXY VOTE MUST HAVE  
430 ATTENDED AT LEAST 2 OFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS  
440 AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THROUGH  
450 A PROCESS DETERMINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND  
460 APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

470 C. THE PROCESS OF THE PROXY VOTE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY  
480 ATTORNEY GENERAL AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

490 **SECTION 2.**AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this shall take effect at Annual Session of  
500 2004.

510 **MANDATES:** Governor Katie Nash, Maryland Student Legislature  
520 Lt. Governor Patrick Abbondandolo, Maryland Student Legislature  
530 Attorney General Dan Holler, Maryland Student Legislature  
540 Secretary of State Titus Hamlett, Maryland Student Legislature  
550 Speaker of the Assembly Byron Mcfarlane, Maryland Student Legislature  
560 Chairman of the Board Susan McConkey, MSL Board of Directors  
570 Secretary of the Board William Troy Simmons, MSL Board of Directors

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