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10 **AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE**
20 **MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE CONCERNING**
30 **THE UNITED STATES STUDENT CONGRESS**

40 FOR the purposes of amending the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature to officially
50 recognize the Constitution of the United States Student Congress.

60 BY renumbering Article XV to Article XVI
70 AND enacting Article XV: United States Student Congress

80 **WHEREAS:** On 25 July 2004, five states: Oklahoma, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina
90 and Maryland came together in a Constitutional Convention and ratified,
100 unanimously, the Constitution of the United States Student Congress; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature, the Chief Programmatic
120 Officer of the Maryland Student Legislature, was a signing member of the
130 Constitution of the United States Student Congress; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** The Lt. Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature, the second most
150 powerful member of the MSL, was a signing member of the Constitution of the
160 United States Student Congress; and,

170 **WHEREAS:** The Attorney General of the Maryland Student Legislature, the Chief Protector
180 and Chief Enforcer of the Maryland Student Legislature's Constitution was a
190 signing member of the Constitution of the United States Student Congress; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature needs to be updated to
210 reflect the Maryland Student Legislature's participation as a State Chapter in the
220 United States Student Congress; and,

230 **WHEREAS:** Creating an article in the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature we
240 recognize Maryland's involvement as a State Member in the United States
250 Student Congress.

260 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, that
270 The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature shall read as follows:

280 **Article XV: United States Student Congress**

290 Section I: The Maryland Student Legislature shall be a State Member in the organization known as
300 the United States Student Congress.

310 Section II: The Maryland Student Legislature officially recognizes the organization known as and
320 the Constitution of the United States Student Congress.

330 Section III: All members of the Maryland Student Legislature shall be eligible for membership to
340 the United States Student Congress.

350 A. MSL Membership to the USSC

360 1. There shall be two members serving as Senators to the USSC.

370 2. There shall be five representatives and an additional representative for ½ of the number
380 of Electoral College votes for the State of Maryland with no more than thirty-five MSL
390 members serving in the USSC. In the event that the number of Representatives does not
400 reach a whole number, the number of Representatives shall be rounded up.

410 3. Any MSL Member who has been elected to an Office of the USSC shall not be counted
420 as a Senator or Representative.

430 B. Determining Individual Membership to the USSC

440 1. Membership shall be recommended by a committee known as the “USSC Membership
450 Committee” at the Annual Legislative Event.

460 i. The USSC Membership Committee proceedings shall be governed by the “USSC
470 Membership Committee Standing Rules of Order Supplement”.

480 ii. No Member being considered for membership to the USSC, by the USSC Membership
490 Committee, shall serve on said committee.

500 2. The Attorney General shall appoint an Assistant Attorney General to serve as the
510 Chairperson of the USSC Membership Committee.

520 i. Committee Members shall elect a Vice-Chairperson to serve in the absence of the
530 Committee Chairperson.

540 3. One member from each recognized MSL Delegation, selected by the Delegation’s DCP
550 shall serve in the USSC Membership Committee.

560 i. In the event the selected delegate is unable to serve in the USSC
570 Membership Committee, the Speaker of the Assembly shall designate
580 an alternate from the respective Delegation.

590 4. Each recognized MSL Delegation may nominate a maximum of five members from their
600 delegation to the USSC Membership Committee for consideration.

610 Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this amendment take effect thirty (30) days
620 after its passage.

630 **MANDATES:** Attorney General Christal Shrader
640 Chairman of the Board Douglas Testerman
650 Founder of MSL Troy Simmons
660 USSC Governing Council

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