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10 **A SIMPLE AMENDMENT CONCERNING THE**
20 **ADOPTION OF THE MSL STANDING RULES OF ORDER**
30 **RULES SUPPLEMENT: USSC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

40 **WHEREAS:** The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature will require MSL to have
50 new parameters for the non-legislative committee known as the USSC
60 Membership Committee; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** These new parameters require a supplement to the MSL Standing Rules of
80 Order.

90 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the General Assembly of the Maryland Student
100 Legislature adopt the MSL Standing Rules of Order Rules Supplement: USSC
110 Membership Committee; and,

120 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That upon the passage of this simple amendment, the MSL
130 Standing Rules of Order Rules Supplement: USSC Membership Committee,
140 take effect immediately.

150 **MANDATES:** Attorney General Christal Shrader

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Maryland Student Legislature

Standing Rules of Order

Rules Supplement: USSC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

160 **Consideration of Membership to the United States Student Congress**

170 Purpose: The USSC Membership Committee shall meet to recommend, to the General Assembly
180 of MSL, membership nominations for the United States Student Congress. The USSC
190 Membership Committee shall be governed by the following rules:

200 (a) The USSC Membership Committee Chair shall be appointed by the Attorney General of MSL
210 and may only vote in order to break a tie of the committee member's votes. The Vice-Chairperson
220 shall be elected by a simple majority vote of committee members.

230 (b) The Chair will announce the names of all individuals nominated, by each delegation, to the
240 USSC Membership Committee.

250 (1) Should there be more than twenty-five nominations; the Chair shall call all nominations, for
260 membership to the USSC, to a roll-call vote with the top twenty-five vote getters advancing for
270 further deliberations. Each committee member shall cast one vote for a maximum of twenty-five
280 nominations.

290 (2) In the event of a tie on any vote to obtain the top twenty-five nominees, the committee will
300 move to a roll-call vote again, on the tied nominees, in order to break the tie and will continue this
310 process until the committee determines the top twenty-five nominees.

320 (c) Upon obtaining the top twenty-five nominees, each nominee shall be given a unique number:
330 one through twenty-five.

340 (d) The procedure for consideration shall generally follow these guidelines:

350 (1) The Chair shall read aloud the summary of all twenty-five nominations in competition,
360 beginning with nomination number one and ending with nomination twenty-five, with no
370 summary taking longer than one minute each.

380 (2) Upon conclusion of the summaries, Members may engage in debate to determine the nominee
390 who would best serve the Maryland Student Legislature by being a member to the United States
400 Student Congress. Debate shall be limited to sixty minutes equally divided.

410 (e) At the expiration of the time allotted for consideration of the nominees, the Chair shall then
420 move directly into a roll-call vote on the nominations.

430 (1) Each committee member shall have twelve votes; one vote shall be cast for the nominees they
440 believe would best serve the MSL in the USSC.

450 (f) With the consent of the Committee, the Chair may institute further procedures for
460 consideration, so long as they do not deviate from standard parliamentary practice.

470 (g) The Chair shall decide on all interpretations of these rules and points of order but shall be
480 subject to appeal. A two-thirds vote of the committee members present overrules the chair's
490 decision.

500 (h) Quorum for the Committee shall be one more than half of the Members present at the opening
510 of Committee Business. The Committee may consider nominations without a quorum, however
520 they may not vote until a quorum is achieved.

530 (i) Members and observers may be present for all proceedings of the committee provided that
540 order is maintained during the Committee session. Nominees may not be present for any
550 proceedings of the committee unless a simple majority vote of the committee members should
560 require their presence.