

**SA004-0506**

10 **AN AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES OF ORDER OF**  
20 **THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE**

30 FOR the purposes ensuring the preservation of the Maryland Student Legislature

40 BY adding to the Standing Rules of Order  
50 Article XIII National Legislative Bodies, Rule 77, Consideration

60 **WHEREAS:** During the 2004-2005 Legislative Year, the Founder of the Maryland Student  
70 Legislature along with the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Speaker  
80 of the Assembly, Former Attorney General, Former Comptroller, and the  
90 Governor's Chief of Staff, tried to create a National program similar to the  
100 Maryland Student Legislature; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** A Federal Constitution was written and agreed to by Maryland, North Carolina,  
120 South Carolina, Oklahoma and Illinois Convention Delegates; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** Once the Federal Constitution was approved, the 2004-2005 Governor, Lt.  
140 Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and the Governor's Chief of Staff, urged  
150 that year's legislative Body not to adopt the Federal Constitution; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** The Student Body failed to pass the necessary Constitutional amendment, thus  
170 ending the Maryland Student Legislature's involvement with the national  
180 program; and,

190 **WHEREAS:** Several Board members have indicated their uneasiness of the Maryland Student  
200 Legislature joining a national program, citing MSL's smaller membership  
210 compared to other states, financial considerations, and the fact that the past two  
220 attempts have greatly hurt the Maryland Student Legislature as an institution;  
230 and,

240 **WHEREAS:** A safeguard for future legislative Bodies should exist within the Standing Rules  
250 of Order so that the Body can make an informed choice before making such a  
260 decision that could ultimately damage the Maryland Student Legislature.

270 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,** that Article XIII  
280 National Legislative Bodies, Rule 77, Consideration read as follows:

290 (a) The Maryland Student Legislature will not consider any motion, bill,  
300 resolution, or amendment regarding the participation of the Maryland Student  
310 Legislature in any national student legislative body.

320 (b) No member holding elected office, or participating as an active member  
330 within the Maryland Student Legislature shall represent the Maryland Student  
340 Legislature in any national legislative body.

350 (c) This Rule shall automatically be removed from the Standing Rules of Order  
360 upon the Maryland Student Legislature achieving an average of one hundred  
370 delegates, as recorded by the Secretary of State, at four consecutive events  
380 excluding Fall LTI.

390 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,** That this  
400 shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

410 **MANDATES:**

420 Governor Brooke Barrash  
430 Lt. Governor Brendan McElroy  
440 Attorney General Chris Tinsman  
450 Secretary of State Tammy Barnes  
460 Speaker of the Assembly Kevin Rodkey  
470 Comptroller Brian Bailey  
480 MSL Board of Directors

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