

10 **AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND STUDENT**  
20 **LEGISLATURE CONCERNING VETO OVERRIDES**

30 FOR the purpose of changing the percentage of the affirmative vote needed to override a  
40 veto by the Governor from two-thirds to three-fifths in both the General Assembly of the  
50 Maryland Student Legislature, or, when convening as a bicameral body, both chambers  
60 of the Maryland Student Legislature.

70 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments  
80 Article VI: The Legislative Branch  
90 Section X and Section XIII  
100 Maryland Student Legislature Constitution

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

130 **Article VI: The Legislative Branch**

140 Section X: The General Assembly shall possess the authority to:

- 150 A. Hold elections for Officers of the MSL.
- 160 B. Debate and confirm appointments for Officers of the MSL.
- 170 C. Install Officers of the MSL.
- 180 D. Hold proceedings for the removal of any Officer.
- 190 E. Adopt the Official Budget of the Maryland Student Legislature.
- 200 F. Propose, debate and vote upon bills and resolutions duly introduced  
210 by its Members.
- 220 G. Reconsider the veto of the Governor, provided that a ~~two-thirds~~  
230 THREE-FIFTHS affirmative majority is achieved to override the  
240 veto.
- 250 H. Perform other functions as may be necessary to the functioning of  
260 the organization.

270 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT  
280 LEGISLATURE, that the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature read  
290 as follows:

300 **Article VI: The Legislative Branch**

310 Section XIII: When the General Assembly convenes as a bicameral body:

- 320 A. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the President of the Senate.
- 330 B. The Senate shall elect its own President Pro Tempore who shall  
340 serve as the Presiding Officer in the absence of the President of the  
350 Senate.

- 360 C. The Speaker of the Assembly shall serve as Speaker of the House of  
370 Delegates. In his or her absence the Speaker Pro Tempore shall  
380 serve as the presiding officer.
- 390 D. The Committees of the General Assembly shall remain as if the  
400 body were unicameral and offer its report to both chambers.
- 410 E. Legislation will be heard first in the chamber in which its sponsor is  
420 a member and may not be considered in the other chamber without  
430 the approval of the legislation in its originating chamber.
- 440 F. Both houses must follow the schedule established by the State  
450 Government.
- 460 G. Each chamber shall establish a quorum at its first session and may  
470 not conduct business without such quorum being in attendance,  
480 however a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may  
490 compel the attendance of absent members.
- 500 H. Each chamber shall keep a journal of its proceedings.
- 510 I. Neither chamber shall proceed with a standing recess without the  
520 consent of the other chamber, nor to place other than that in which  
530 the two chambers shall be sitting.
- 540 J. The chamber that last approves an Act or Resolution shall have the  
550 responsibility of immediately forwarding it to the Governor for his or  
560 her approval.
- 570 K. A ~~two-thirds~~ THREE-FIFTHS affirmative majority of both  
580 chambers shall be necessary to override the veto of the Governor.
- 590 **MANDATES:** Brian S. Bailey, Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature  
600 Brent King, Lieutenant Governor of the Maryland Student Legislature  
610 Amy Anderson, Attorney General of the Maryland Student Legislature  
620 Mike Tiufekchiev, Speaker of the Assembly of the Maryland Student  
630 Legislature  
640 Ashley Sardeson, Secretary of State of the Maryland Student  
650 Legislature  
660 Brian Griffiths, et al., Board of Directors

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