

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

30 FOR the purpose of amending the Maryland Student Legislature Constitution to require the Governor
40 and Lieutenant Governor to be elected as a ticket.

50 BY AMENDING
60 Article X
70 Maryland Student Legislature Constitution

80 **WHEREAS:** The Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature, in Article X, Section VII,
90 Subsections E and F, requires that Governor and Lieutenant Governor be elected as
100 separate officers; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** The State of Maryland elects the Governor and Lieutenant Governor as a ticket; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Student Legislature should elect its officers in a manner that more
130 accurately reflects the manner in which officers in the State of Maryland are elected; and,

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

160 **Article X: Election of Officers**

170 Section I: All non appointed officers of the Maryland Student Legislature shall be elected at a forum
180 designated ON the State Government at the Annual Legislative Session EVENT AGENDA.

190 Section II: The Standing Rules of Order and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern
200 Elections for other legislative officers in that order.

210 Section III: Officers shall serve a one-year term and be eligible for only one additional term in that same
220 office, yet may serve in other offices in subsequent years.

230 Section IV: Regular members who wish to seek candidacy for an office shall apply by the deadline
240 established by the State Government according to the procedures established by the Council
250 of State UNIVERSAL DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL SESSION.

260 Section V: Candidates for an office in the Maryland Student Legislature shall:

270 A. Be a Regular member of the MSL at a Chartered Delegation.

280 B. Have attended one official event of the MSL prior to their nomination, except for the
290 Office of Governor, for which the candidate must have attended at least two official
300 events of the MSL including at least one previous Annual Session.

310 C. Not be nominated for any office in which they have served two full one-year terms.

320 Section VI: The highest-ranking officer not seeking office shall conduct elections for all offices. In the
330 event that no officer meets this criteria the General Assembly shall elect a chairman for the
340 purpose of conducting elections.

350 **SECTION VII: ALL OFFICERS SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION,**
360 **EXCEPT FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.**

370 **SECTION VIII: EACH CANDIDATE WHO SHALL SEEK A NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR**
380 **SHALL AT THE TIME OF FILING FOR SAID OFFICE DESIGNATE A CANDIDATE FOR**
390 **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND THE NAMES OF THE SAID CANDIDATE FOR**

400 GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE LISTED AND CONSIDERED
410 FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION JOINTLY WITH EACH OTHER.

420 Section ~~VII~~ IX: Election Proceedings shall follow the procedural order established below:

430 A. Elections will commence with the offices of Comptroller, Speaker of the
440 Assembly, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor and
450 Governor AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

460 B. The Presiding Officer will open election proceedings the first day by stating the
470 procedures contained in this section. In the case of an office where the Secretary of State
480 has certified no candidates OR TICKETS the Presiding Officer shall then ask for
490 nominations from the floor. A person nominated from the floor must meet all
500 requirements established in Section V.

510 C. The Presiding Officer will then recognize an individual designated by each candidate OR
520 TICKET who shall officially place the name of the certified candidate into nomination
530 and be given the opportunity to speak on the candidates behalf for a period not greater
540 than 3 minutes, followed by a person designated by the candidate who shall second the
550 nomination and be given the opportunity to speak on the candidates behalf for a period
560 not greater than 3 minutes.

570 D. After all candidates AND TICKETS have been nominated and seconded, each candidate
580 OR TICKET in alphabetical order shall have the opportunity to address the General
590 Assembly for up to 10 minutes.

600 E. After all candidates AND TICKETS for all offices have been given the opportunity to
610 address the General Assembly, the Presiding Officer shall recess the election proceedings
620 until the following day.

630 F. Upon reconvening on the following day AS DESIGNATED ON THE EVENT AGENDA
640 for the purpose of concluding the election proceedings the presiding officer shall order
650 ballots distributed to each individual member, to be returned anonymously, with a simple
660 majority required for election to office.

670 G. Upon the conclusion of tallying and recording of the ballots, the designee shall notify the
680 Presiding Officer of the results, who shall announce the results on the evening of the
690 second day at an event designated ON THE EVENT AGENDA for the purpose of
700 announcing election results.

710 H. The results of any election are subject to appeal, provided that the appeal is submitted in
720 writing to the State Government within 24 12 hours of the election. The State
730 Government, less any member who is a candidate affected by the appeal, shall hear the
740 appeal within 24 12 hours of its receipt and issue a judgment requiring a 3/4 majority to
750 overturn the election and having overturned the results shall order it held anew.

760 Section ~~VII~~ X: No proxy or write-in votes shall be allowed for any election.

770 SECTION XI: IN ANY ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT
780 GOVERNOR SHALL BE LISTED JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT, AND A VOTE CAST FOR
790 THE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL ALSO BE CAST FOR LIEUTENANT
800 GOVERNOR JOINTLY LISTED ON THE BALLOT WITH THE CANDIDATE FOR
810 GOVERNOR, AND THE ELECTION OF GOVERNOR ALSO SHALL CONSTITUTE THE
820 ELECTION FOR THE SAME TERM OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR WHO WAS
830 LISTED ON THE BALLOT OR WAS BEING CONSIDERED JOINTLY WITH THE
840 CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR.

850 Section ~~VIII~~ XII: The State Government may issue other guidelines for campaigns and elections
860 provided that they do not contravene this document in whole or part.

870 Section ~~IX~~ XIII: All Officers and their appointees, except where provided herein, shall be sworn
880 in at a time and place set aside by the outgoing Council of State not prior to the final session of
890 the General Assembly nor later than the adjournment sine die of the General Assembly and shall
900 recite the following oath:
910 "I, (state name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of
920 (state office) of the Maryland Student Legislature and will do my best to protect,
930 preserve, defend and uphold the Constitution of the Maryland Student Legislature, the
940 Constitution of the great sovereign State of Maryland and the Constitution of the United
950 States of America."

960 SECTION 2. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE,**
970 that this amendment shall be presented to the Maryland Student Legislature, Inc. Board of Directors for
980 approval at their next meeting.

990 **MANDATES:** Raezel Geiser, Attorney General
1000 2010-2011 Maryland Student Legislature Council of State
1010 Brian C. Griffiths, Chairman of the Board of Directors

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