

Writing Legislation

❖ The THINKING Stage

SO: Think about a project or activity that you want to do.

BECAUSE: Why do you want to do this activity or project? Think of as many reasons that you can!

❖ The WRITING Stage

SO: What is the project or activity that you are suggesting? Write down what you want to do. Try to be specific without giving too many details.

BECAUSE: Why do you want to do this activity or project? Write down all of the reasons you thought about for the project or activity. You might even want to include research data to support your thinking.

❖ The FORMAL Stage

SO: The “so” becomes the words “BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED.” This just makes your idea more formal.

BECAUSE: The “because” becomes “WHEREAS.” It also is just a formal way of saying why you want something.

❖ The FINAL Stage - Reversing the Order of the Words

WHEREAS: Your “WHEREAS” reasons are listed first...put them in order of weakest to strongest reasons. Try to have at least three reasons. Five reasons are great. These reasons must be stated accurately and correctly, as they may not be changed later!

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: Your “BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED” is listed last. It is the final statement or “bottom line” on what you want the result to be. Sometimes you can divide your “Be it Hereby Resolved” statement into a two part action. This may make it easier to discuss.

❖ The Practice Stage

SO: _____

and SO: _____

BECAUSE: _____

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Other things that should be considered (past activities, community support, etc., that you will be able to verbally express to support your reasons for the project or activity):

❖ The REAL Legislation

Title of Legislation: _____

Authored By: _____ Date Presented: _____

Pass _____ Fail _____

WHEREAS: _____

WHEREAS: _____

WHEREAS: _____

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: _____

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: _____

Notes: