

Legislation Title: Removal of Appointed Staff Representative Voting for a Regional position in the Maryland Association of Student Councils' Constitution

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Whereas, Executive Board members of the Maryland Association of Student Councils are granted one (1) vote for their roles as any of the following:

1. Appointed Staff Member
2. Regional President
3. Regional Second Vice President/Middle School Representative
4. Regional Student Member/Representative/Commissioner on the Board of Education; and

Whereas, the representative voting system allowed regional representatives to exercise two votes on MASC's Executive Board, the first vote granted by their role on MASC's Appointed Staff, and a second through a designated representative voter acting on behalf of their region, thereby allowing a single individual more influence; and

Whereas, the representative voting system enabled individual regions to accumulate multiple votes on the Executive Board, beyond what the policies and structure of MASC's Executive Board would otherwise entitle them to, prompting an imbalanced voting landscape across the state; and

Whereas, representative voting undermines the stated principle within Roberts Rules of Order Newly revised, stating that "votes shall be tied to an individual and not the positions they may hold" - Robert's Rules of Order (4th ed.), Art. VIII, §46 "Voting"; and

Whereas, the MASC Constitutional Review Committee approved the amendment on their third meeting on the 21st of September 2025;

Be it hereby resolved, the Maryland Association of Student Councils amends its Constitution as follows:

1. In Article IV, General Assembly, Section 5(D), "In the event that the Regional President, Second Vice President/Middle School Representative, or Student Member/Representative/Commissioner on the Board of Education is a voting member of the *Executive Staff, they may designate an individual to represent their and vote on their behalf when necessary." shall be stricken in its entirety; and

2. In Article IV, General Assembly, Section 5(E), “The Regional Advisor and MASC Executive Director must confirm the substitute for the Regional President, Middle School Representative or Student Member /Representative/ Commissioner on the Board of Education”, shall be stricken in its entirety; and
3. All subsequent subsections shall be relettered accordingly.

* Executive Staff, meaning appointed staff