

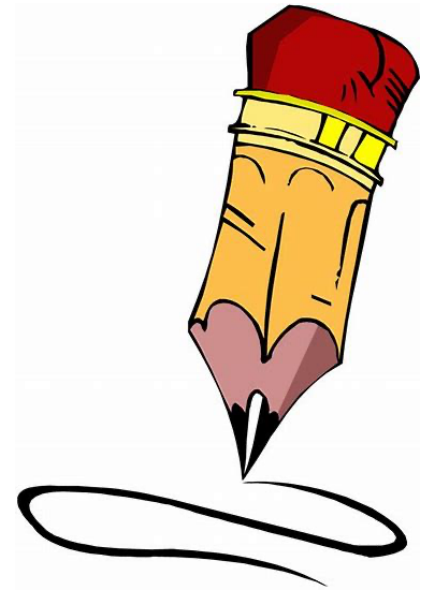
Writing Legislation

WHEREAS:

Enter the **REASONS** that you are proposing this piece of legislation in the form of **WHEREAS** clauses. You may have as few or as many clauses as you feel adequately explain your motion. (The WHEREAS clauses can be amended.)

RESOLVED:

Enter the **ACTION** you wish to be taken in the form of a **RESOLVED** clause. You may have more than one ACTION in a piece of legislation as long as all ACTIONS are logically connected.



Critical Questions:

1. **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.
2. **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.

Wording of Your Legislation:

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1. The **what** becomes the words "BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED." This just makes your idea more formal.
2. The **why** becomes "WHEREAS." It also is just a formal way of saying why you want something.

Formatting of Your Legislation:

1. 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, but they can be amended later! ***Research is important!***
2. 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 and amend.