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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Governor
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Speaker of the House
Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate
Speaker Pro Tem of the House
Secretary of State
State Treasurer
Chief Justice
Attorney General
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BASICS

The 49th General Assembly convenes at Noon (Central Time), Thursday, Nov. 15, in the House of Representatives chamber of the State Capitol and adjourns at about 1 p.m. on Sunday.

A schedule is on our web site.

Not-for-profit colleges based in Tennessee are eligible to participate in TISL if they meet *one* of these criteria:

- a. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools
- b. Offer a bachelor's degree
- c. Offer an associate's degree

Delegates have the opportunity to learn about the roles of legislators, judges, lawyers, lobbyists and the media. They also represent the viewpoint of Tennessee college students on contemporary issues.

Universal Deadline

Thursday, **November 1, 2018**, is the universal deadline:

- Delegates who register for the General Assembly by this date receive a free t-shirt when they arrive at the Capitol.
- Bill filing deadline (midnight). File bills through the online Control Panel.
- AMC3 briefs deadline (midnight); details in *AMC3 Handbook* or at AMC3.org.
- The House of Representatives is apportioned on the basis of which colleges have registered by this date.
- You should make hotel reservations by this date.

Schedule

The official schedule of the General Assembly is on the TISL web site

Registration

Registration has two primary components:

1. Every delegate should register online before the General Assembly. Delegates who register at least two weeks before the General

Assembly will receive a free t-shirt when they arrive in Nashville.

2. Payment of fees. Your delegation may access a Budget Worksheet and print an invoice via your online control panel.

These steps may occur in any order. For example, delegates may register online before the college submits payment. Please perform each step as soon as possible, but the sequence doesn't matter.

Visitors

Non-delegates are welcome to attend the General Assembly while the Capitol and Legislative Plaza are open to the public during normal business hours on Thursday and Friday.

On Friday evening and on the weekend, state facilities are closed except for TISL. Non-student visitors who wish to attend during these times

should register online. "Visitor" is a registration option and is free. Applications to attend as a Visitor will be considered individually. Family members and college officials are particularly welcome.

Fees

Fees depend on college enrollment and programs selected.

The General Assembly Fee is based on enrollment and includes a certain number of delegates. They may be legislators, AMC3 lawyers, lobbyists, staffers or media participants.

Enrollment	Fee	Delegates Included
Fewer than 5,000	\$544	6
5,000 - 9,999	785	9
10,000 - 14,999	1,027	12
15,000 - 19,999	1,268	15
20,000 or more	1,510	18

Delegates beyond those included in the Legislative Fee pay \$54 each.

The AMC3 fee is \$100 per team. Your team may be drawn from the delegates included in the Legislative Fee or you may pay additional delegate fees.

A Budget Worksheet and self-invoicing are available through the online Control Panel.

Mail check to TISL, P.O. Box 23213, Nashville 37202.

Online Control Panel

www.TISLonline.org/onlinereg.html

Attire

Delegates wear appropriate business attire for official functions, including all functions on state property. Gentlemen wear a coat and tie. Ladies wear professional slacks or appropriate-length dresses or skirts. Comfortable shoes are strongly recommended.

Lodging

The business-class DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Nashville is the official hotel for the General Assembly.

Reserve early! A *limited* number of rooms is available at TISL’s very favorable rate.

Make reservations via a link on the TISL site; credit card required. Bring a sales tax exemption from your college to avoid sales tax (about 10 percent).

DoubleTree Nashville Hotel
315 Fourth Avenue North
Nashville 37219

Meals

Several meals are included. Delegates are on their own for their others, less than five. Many restaurants near the hotel and the Capitol.

Included:

- Opening Night Reception (heavy hors d’oeuvres)
- Friday Night Pizza Supper
- Saturday Meet The Candidates Breakfast
- Saturday lunch

Parking

TISL has a special parking deal at the Public Square Garage, which is across the street from the DoubleTree Hotel and two blocks from the Capitol.

Public Square Garage
350 Deaderick Street
Nashville 37201

This is the recommended parking garage for all delegates ... those staying at the DoubleTree Hotel and those commuting from Nashville-area colleges.

1. If you are staying at the hotel, go to the hotel and unload your luggage .
2. Park at the Public Square Garage, 350 Deaderick Street. Take a parking ticket from the machine.

Important: This is an above-ground garage across from the DoubleTree Hotel.

Two blocks away is an underground garage by the same name. Don't be confused.

3. At the Capitol, buy a parking pass from the State Treasurer. TISL accepts cash, checks or credit cards.
4. When exiting, insert in this order:
 - Parking pass you purchased from the State Treasurer.
 - Parking ticket you received when you entered the garage.
5. Exit the garage

YOUR DELEGATION

Your delegation should select a Head Delegate and designate him/her in your online Control Panel.

Your delegation should participate in all of TISL’s four programs:

- Legislative
- Judicial (AMC3)
- Lobbying
- Media

In general, a given student will participate in one or two. Lobbyists may *not* double as legislators, and it’s difficult to combine Legislative and AMC3 except as a lawyer and alternate legislator.

Legislation & Brief

Every Senator and Representative, including alternates, may *sponsor* an unlimited number of bills and is expected to *write* at least one, typically two pages or less.

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Each bill must have at least one Senate sponsor and one House sponsor, who may be from different colleges.

Instead of writing a bill, every AMC3 team submits a brief for one of the parties to the case.

Deadline for filing legislation and briefs is two weeks before the General Assembly. See "Universal Deadline" above.

Legislative

One legislative delegate will be your Senator and will serve only in the Senate. You may also have an Alternate Senator. Your House delegation isn't limited, but your seats in the House will be.



The House is apportioned by enrollment with one to nine seats per school. Initial apportionment will be released in early November.

The speakers of each house appoint a Chief Clerk, Deputy Chief Clerk and Assistant Clerks.

The Legislative Council appoints a chair, vice chair and secretary for each committee. Legislative delegates may apply through their online control panel.

Every legislative delegate serves on a standing committee that discusses and improves bills headed to the Senate and House.

The Legislative Council appoints committee officers. You may apply via the web site. Experience isn't required.

Judicial/AMC3

The Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenge is a competition among legal teams to argue a case before the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court.

Teams include two to five members; the case is online at www.AMC3.org. Not for law students.

Lobbying

Student lobbyists work together to pass and defeat legislation based on their lobbying firm's mission.

Students especially interested in persuasion and legislative strategy should consider lobbying.

TISL Media

TISL Media's mission is to accurately and efficiently promote, inform, and spread the news of TISL with integrity, trustworthiness, and an independent voice.

2018 Official Hashtag: #TISL49

Students in TISL Media work together to achieve that mission by producing a printed newsletter called *TISL Times*, publishing online broadcast videos, and utilizing various social media sites.

Facebook

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)

Twitter @TISLtweets

Instagram TISLonline

YouTube TISLonline

Web Sites

TISL

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature
www.TISLonline.org

Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court
www.TISCourt.org

Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenge (AMC3)
www.AMC3.org

IN SESSION

First Aid

The Secretary of State's office in the Legislative Lounge has basic first-aid supplies such as bandages and pain relievers.

Lost & Found

Lost and found articles are handled by the Secretary of State's office in the Legislative Lounge.

Caucuses

Delegates may organize caucuses of like-minded delegates to discuss matters of mutual interest and to formulate strategy.

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Caucuses are self-created and self-perpetuating organizations. They are not an official part of TISL, and TISL isn't responsible for their actions or their welfare.

Caucuses may announce meetings in the Senate and House of Representatives with the regular announcement form available from the Chief Clerk. They may also request announcements by TISL Media.



Remedies For Errors

The TISL Constitution and the TISL Legal Code offer delegates a means to petition the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court to determine whether an error occurred and to apply for a remedy.

The Court typically requires the petitioner to have a clear and direct link to the case (standing) and a grievance that can be remedied by the Court. The Court doesn't accept cases involving legislative process (parliamentary procedure, for example) or personal disputes between delegates.

More information and the form for filing a petition are at:

tiscourt.org/rulesofthecourt.html

TISL Store

The TISL Store sells a variety of TISL-branded merchandise online and at TISL events. Items currently for sale include lapel pins, executive ballpoints pens, insulated coffee mugs and more — all with the TISL Seal.

Look for the TISL Store at events such as workshops or the General Assembly or order online at www.TISLonline.org/store.

All proceeds benefit TISL and help expand programs. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Meeting Space

The DoubleTree Nashville hotel provides free space for TISL delegations and caucuses to meet after session. The Brentwood-Franklin room is on the second floor of the hotel. Reserve the room at the State Treasurer's desk at the Capitol.

Supreme Court Nominating Commission

The Supreme Court Nominating Commission receives and screens applications to serve on the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court.

The application period opens when the fall semester begins, and applications are typically due in late September for a one-year term that begins each November.

Members of the Commission are appointed by the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Delegates who wish to serve on next year's Nominating Commission should contact the newly elected speakers at the end of the General Assembly.

tiscourt.org/nomcommission.html

Chamber Protocol

The desks in the Senate and House of Representatives are the personal space of individual legislators. Please don't open drawers or meddle with the contents. Please give them the same respect you expect for yourself.

Food & Beverage

In the Capitol, food and beverages are allowed *only* in non-carpeted areas. This means no food and beverage in the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Old Supreme Court Chamber or in the Legislative Lounge. This is very important and will be strictly enforced.

With that in mind, coin-operated vending machines are on the ground floor of the Capitol with various snacks and beverages.

Tape

Tape leaves reside on woodwork and limestone that permanently disfigures the Capitol. Please don't tape anything to walls or doors.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

The Board of Directors of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Foundation has adopted policies on two important topics: alcoholic beverages and sexual harassment.

Allegations that these policies have been violated will be reviewed pursuant to Board policy.

Alcoholic Beverages

The legal drinking age is 21. It is illegal for anyone less than 21 years old to possess alcoholic beverages, and it is illegal for anyone over 21 to provide alcoholic beverages to minors. Every delegate is required to agree to TISL's alcohol policy upon registration.

Regardless of age, delegates may not purchase alcohol at the hotel.

TISL will cooperate fully with the prosecution of delegates who violate the law and may notify college administrators of improper behavior.

Sexual Harassment

The Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Foundation is committed to providing participants in its programs with an environment free from explicit and implicit coercive sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the well-being of another person.

Sexual Harassment Defined: The definition of sexual harassment varies greatly. According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's guidelines prohibiting sexual harassment there are two types of sexual harassment:

1. Quid pro quo—submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual that is used as a basis for official decisions affecting such individual and
2. Hostile environment—unwelcome sexual conduct that unreasonably interferes with an individual's participation in TISL or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Sexual harassment may include, but may not be limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature where: (1) submission to such conduct is a basis for how an individual is treated in official matters; (2) submission to or re-

jection of said conduct is used as a basis for decisions affecting the individual in official matters; or (3) such conduct results in a hostile environment which has the effect of interfering with an individual's performance.

Policy statement: Sexual harassment of any type will not be tolerated and is expressly prohibited. Sexual harassment is grounds for disciplinary action, which may include banishment from TISL events, removal from TISL office, or other appropriate action, depending upon the nature of the harassment. Infractions might be reported to a student's or adviser's college.

Directors, student officers, advisers and non-traditional students are asked to be especially sensitive to the fact that they can be perceived as holding a position of authority or dominance over others and that authority carries with it responsibility to be mindful of situations in which they are dealing with others in private, one-on-one associations both on and off-campus.

Malicious and false allegations of sexual harassment are as serious as sexual harassment itself and, likewise, will not be tolerated.

Any allegation of sexual harassment will be treated seriously, confidentially and respectfully.

A person who believes this policy has been violated should promptly notify one of these representatives.

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You Can Help To Lead TISL

The student Executive Council manages TISL through the year and prepares for the next General Assembly. Serving as an officer can be rewarding and can expand your TISL experience.

Every TISL delegate is eligible to run for office.



Officers are ambassadors for TISL, which means they frequently visit other campuses, university administrators and state officials. The best officers are self-motivated and self-confident as they initiate campus visits and other opportunities to advocate TISL.

Serving on the Executive Council is a year-long commitment. In many respects, the Executive Council's work throughout the year resembles a statewide political campaign with some of the same strategic planning and scheduled execution.

Officers' duties and responsibilities are enumerated in the TISL Constitution. Additionally, the Governor and another officer selected by the Executive Council serve on the TISL Board of Directors.

Election Timeline

- Friday night — Nominations
- Friday night — Candidates Meeting
- Saturday morning and early afternoon — Speeches by candidates
- Saturday afternoon — Voting and winners announced.
- Sunday closing session — New officers inaugurated

Duties for All Officers

- Attend the next General Assembly, the Executive Council retreat in January and the Campus-Capitol Connection in the spring.
- Communicate frequently with other officers.
- Participate in all Executive Council meetings, including multiple weekly conference calls.
- Attend three pre-TISL Regional Workshops.
- Help with outreach to individual colleges — participants and non-participants.

Specific Duties

Governor

Elected by Delegates At Large

Convenes Executive Council meetings and sets the agenda. The Governor leads the Executive Council throughout the year. Serves on the TISL Board of Directors.

Speaker of the Senate/House

Elected by the Senate/House respectively

The speakers' ability to preside over the Senate and House is a major factor in the success of the General Assembly.

Speakers should have parliamentary procedure skills. Each speaker also appoints a Chief Clerk and other chamber officers.

Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate/House

Elected by the Senate/House respectively

The Pro Tems should be skilled in parliamentary procedure and able to substitute for the Speaker.

Secretary of State

Elected by a joint session of the Senate/House

The Secretary of State is the official record keeper for TISL. He/She prepares minutes of each Executive Council meeting for prompt distribution.

The Secretary of State prepares and distributes legislation at the General Assembly and manages the flow of bills between committees, the Senate and the House.

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State Treasurer

Elected by a joint session of the Senate/House

The Treasurer handles finances at TISL events, markets TISL merchandise, manages events like the pizza supper and oversees the awards process.

Attorney General

Elected by the outgoing Supreme Court

The Attorney General is the Executive Council's expert about the Constitution and about other laws affecting TISL. The Attorney General represents the Executive Council before the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice

Elected by the incoming Supreme Court

The Chief Justice presides over the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court, which settles TISL legal issues and administers the Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenge (AMC3).

The Governor appoints the Court after an open application process.

Lobbying Director

Elected by the Executive Council

Oversees the Lobbying program.

Officers' Expenses

Officers are reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses subject to an official expense policy. They are exempt from fees, and their expenses at events are paid by TISL.

TSAC Election

Delegates to the TISL General Assembly vote for nominees to be the student directors of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, a state agency that governs various scholarship programs, including Tennessee Lottery Scholarships.

Serving on the TSAC board is a terrific opportunity to build your resume, expand your network and learn more about how government works.

To qualify as a candidate, apply online at

tislonline.org/onlinereg.html

Each candidate completes a five-question survey. A voter guide will be distributed to delegates.

Election Polling Stations

Some colleges might not be attending this year

1 House Front Left

American Baptist
Austin Peay State Univ
Belmont Univ
Bethel Univ
Bryan College
Carson-Newman Univ
Chattanooga State CC
Christian Brothers Univ
Cleveland State CC
Columbia State CC
Cumberland Univ
Dyersburg State CC

ETSU

2 House Front Right

Fisk Univ
Freed-Hardeman Univ
Hiwassee College
Jackson State CC
Johnson Univ
King Univ
Lane College
Lee Univ
LeMoyne-Owen College
Lincoln Memorial Univ
Lipscomb Univ

Martin Methodist College
Maryville College
MTSU
Milligan College
Motlow State CC

3 Desk Outside House

Nashville School of Law
Nashville State CC
Northeast State CC
Pellissippi State CC
Rhodes College
Roane State CC
Sewanee

Southern Adventist Univ
Southwest Tenn CC
Tennessee State Univ

4 Senate Well

Tennessee Tech
Tennessee Wesleyan
Trevecca Nazarene
Tusculum College
Union Univ
Univ of Memphis
UT-Chattanooga

5 Desk Outside Senate @ Windows

UT-Knoxville
UT-Martin
Vanderbilt Univ
Volunteer State CC
Walters State CC
Watkins College
Welch College



Best Delegation Score Sheet

Submit this form to the State Treasurer by 9 a.m. Sunday to be considered for the Best Overall Delegation and Best New Delegation awards.

College _____

Form Completed By _____

Phone _____

New Delegation Check here if your college didn't have a delegation last year

Self-Evaluation Score your delegation on the following criteria. Information for the top-scoring team will be verified before award is announced. Note penalty for errors (final section).		
	Points	Points Earned
Active Senator for the full session	5	
Full delegation in the House of Representatives	5	
First AMC3 Team	5	
Each additional AMC3 Team	1 each	
AMC3 Finalist	2	
AMC3 Winner	5	
First full-time lobbyist	5	
Each additional full-time lobbyist (maximum: 3)	1 each	
First full-time participant in TISL Media	5	
Each additional TISL Media participant (maximum: 3)	1 each	
Officers elected to the next Executive Council	2 each	
Member of the next Supreme Court	1	
At least one delegate attended Regional Workshop	5	
SELF-EVALUATION TOTAL		

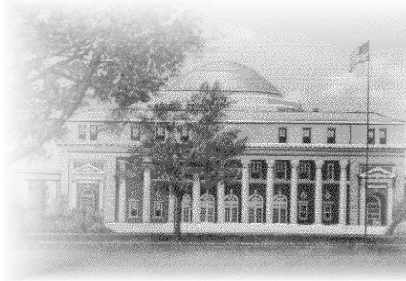
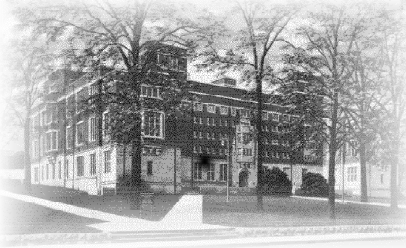
Executive Council Evaluation Leave blank. Executive Council to complete as needed.		
Carlisle Award Winner	3 each	
Best Senator	5	
Highly effective Senator (rated by Senate leadership)	2	
Best House Delegation	5	
Highly effective House Delegation (rated by House leadership)	2	
Best Lobbyist	5	
Best Lobbyist Finalist	2	
Individual TISL Award	3 each	
AMC3 Best Lawyer & Best Brief Awards	3 each	
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TOTAL		

Penalties Leave blank. Executive Council to complete as needed.		
Self-serving error in Self-Evaluation Section	-5	
Hotel Misconduct (per incident)	-15	
PENALTIES TOTAL		
GRAND TOTAL		

Other TISL Awards

Award	Criteria	Selected By
Carlisle Award	TISL's oldest and most prestigious award is presented to 10 outstanding legislators.	Executive Council
Best Senator and Best House Delegation	Skill in debate, knowledge of parliamentary procedure, effectiveness in session, quality of legislation sponsored.	Executive Council based on recommendation from Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem and Chief Clerk of each house
Best Lawyer for the Petitioner and Best Lawyer for the Respondent	Knowledge of precedent cases, comprehension of issues in pending case, quality of presentation	AMC3 juries of view based on score sheets
Best AMC3 Brief	Quality of research, knowledge of the law and effectiveness of presentation	Lawyers of the Tennessee Bar Association
Best Lobbyist	Effective at achieving goals in an ethical manner	Each lobbying firm will nominate one of its members for Best Lobbyist, and the lobbying corps will vote for Best Lobbyist

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TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE STATE LEGISLATURE

Constitution

Adopted by the 25th General Assembly, November 1991, and including amendments through the 48th General Assembly, November 2017.

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature, referred to hereinafter as the TISL.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- a. Promote interest in the state and the federal governments.
- b. Strive for a more perfect knowledge and experience of judicial and legislative processes.
- c. Provide leadership training in an environment that permits the expression and examination of a wide range of ideas.
- d. Promote cooperation in solving problems of general interest to the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Every not-for-profit institution of higher education based in Tennessee that otherwise fits the criteria set forth in the TISL Legal Code may participate in TISL and may appoint its own delegation in a manner prescribed and administered by that institution.

Section 2. Every delegate will be enrolled and in good standing at a participating institution.

ARTICLE IV

General Organization

Section 1. The departments of TISL shall be the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative.

Section 2. No person elected or appointed to a position set forth in this Constitution may serve in another Department during the term for which he/she was elected or appointed.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. Delegates at large, as defined by law, shall elect a Governor. The Governor shall:

- a. Give to the General Assembly and Executive Council information on the state of the TISL.

- b. Appoint such officers as he/she deems necessary, and remove them at will.
- c. Call and preside over meetings of the Executive Council.
- d. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.
- e. Inform all Tennessee institutions of higher education about events and policies relating to the TISL.
- f. Be responsible for administrative matters not expressly delegated to the Legislative or Judicial departments.

Section 2. The General Assembly shall, in joint session, elect a Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall:

- a. Keep a record of all official acts and proceedings of the General Assembly and the Executive Council.
- b. Appoint such officers as he/she deems necessary for the functioning of his/her office, and remove them at will.
- c. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

Section 3. Each house of the Legislature shall elect a Speaker. The Speaker shall:

- a. Appoint such officers as he/she deems necessary to provide for the proper functioning of the house and remove them at will.
- b. Preside over sessions of his/her respective house, and assume all responsibility and authority normally delegated to one of his/her position.
- c. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

Section 4. Each house of the Legislature shall elect a Speaker Pro Tempore. The Speaker Pro Tempore shall:

- a. Succeed to the position of Speaker if a vacancy should occur in that office.
- b. Preside in the absence of the Speaker.
- c. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

Section 5. The General Assembly, in joint session, shall elect a State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall:

- a. Comply with and enforce the Financial Procedures Act.
- b. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.
- c. Appoint such officers as he/she deems necessary, and remove them at will.

Section 6. An Attorney General shall be appointed by the Judges of the Supreme Court at their session coinciding with the General Assembly, and any midterm vacancies likewise. The Attorney General shall:

- a. Take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Charter of the TISL Foundation, this Constitution and any other Act of the TISL General Assembly, or any other relevant governing or legal instrument.
- b. Act to uphold the Constitution and Legal Code of TISL before the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court.
- c. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.
- d. Prepare written opinions on constitutional or legal issues when requested by two members of the Executive Council.
- e. Appoint such officers as he/she deems necessary, and remove them at will.

Section 7. A Lobbying Director shall be elected in a manner prescribed by law. The Lobbying Director shall:

- a. Oversee and direct the TISL Lobbying Program.
- b. Appoint the CEOs of the lobbying firms and such other officers as he/she deems necessary and remove them at will.
- c. Recommend to the Executive Council lobbying firms to be created and firms to be abolished.
- d. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

Section 8. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. The General Assembly shall adopt an Election Procedures Act.

Section 9. No member of the Executive Council may serve as a Senator or Representative except that the Speaker Pro Tempore of each house may serve in a seat otherwise designated for his/her college.

Section 10. In case of a vacancy in the office of Governor, the authority and responsibility of the office shall devolve on the Speaker of the Senate, and in the case of a simultaneous vacancy in the office of Speaker of the Senate, the authority and responsibility of the Governor shall devolve on the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Any vacancies not otherwise provided for shall be filled by the Executive Council, if the General Assembly is not in session.

Section 11. The term of office extends from adjournment of the General Assembly at which the officer is elected until adjournment of the next General Assembly.

Section 12. No person shall serve more than one term as Governor, and no person otherwise shall serve more than two terms in the same Executive Council office; provided, however, that less than six months of a term to which another person was elected shall not constitute a term for purposes of this section.

Section 13. Any member of the Executive Council may be removed from office for regularly failing to participate in official TISL meetings and events, for corruption or for failing to perform the duties of his/her office.

- a. Until twenty (20) days before each General Assembly, the Executive Council, with the concurrence of a majority of the members to which it is entitled, may petition the Supreme Court to have an officer removed for a cause stated above. The officer in question shall be notified and shall have at least ten (10) days to respond to the initial petition.
- b. During the General Assembly, an officer may be removed for a cause stated above by a concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, voting separately, after receipt of a petition setting forth specific cause for removal and signed by fifty (50) registered delegates.

An officer removed under this section is disqualified from future service on the Executive Council or the Supreme Court.

Section 14. Every Executive Council member and Supreme Court Justice must be a student at an institution eligible to participate in TISL at the time of his/her election and must remain so enrolled for the spring and fall semesters for a minimum of five academic hours. The student must be primarily present within the state of Tennessee during said semesters. Any member of the Executive Council may petition the Supreme Court to remove an officer or justice who is ineligible under this section.

Section 15. Any person elected to the Executive Council or appointed to the Supreme Court must be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time his/her term of office commences.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Department

Section 1. All executive powers granted herein shall be vested in the Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as the EC, which shall consist of the Governor, as chairperson, the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Speakers Pro Tempore of the Senate and House of Representatives, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Chief Justice, the State Treasurer and the Lobbying Director, each of whom shall be selected in accordance with this Constitution.

Section 2. The EC shall:

- a. Call special sessions of the General Assembly by three-fourths (3/4) majority. Such call shall be issued at least two (2) months before the special session is to convene.
- b. Set the date for the regular sessions of the General Assembly, at least six months in advance.
- c. Review, repeal or amend at will the decisions of all officers except those areas of authority reserved to

the officer by this Constitution, by legislation of the General Assembly, or by the courts.

- d. Establish reasonable institutional and delegate fees for participating institutions and delegates, which fees should not be barriers to participation.
- e. Take actions and make policies and regulations, when the General Assembly is not in session, to perpetuate the continued existence of TISL.
- f. Establish rules and procedures for the General Assembly, which shall be subject to review, repeal or amendment by the General Assembly.
- g. Oversee compliance by the Governor and State Treasurer with the Financial Procedures Act.
- h. Call special sessions of the Executive Council with the consent of the majority of the Council.
- i. Perform such other duties as shall be enjoined by law.

Section 3. Any decision or policy of the EC is subject to review, repeal or amendment by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE VII

Legislative Department

Section 1. The legislative authority of the TISL shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. There shall be one General Assembly in each academic year; there may be more than one session of each General Assembly.

Section 2. The number of Representatives shall be 99 (ninety-nine) and shall be apportioned among institutions proportional to enrollment in a manner to be established by the General Assembly. Any law affecting the apportionment of the House of Representatives shall take effect after the adjournment of the General Assembly at which it is adopted.

The minimum number of seats for each institution shall be two unless the number of participating institutions exceeds 25 (twenty-five), in which case the minimum shall be one. The maximum number of seats in total, including bonus seats, shall be nine.

House seats unclaimed at the close of business on the first day of the General Assembly shall be reallocated, proportional to enrollment, among participating institutions with extra delegates present and eligible to serve in the House. Unclaimed seats shall be delegated according to representation ratio, in descending order, beginning with the institution with the highest ratio. Each institution shall receive only one unclaimed seat.

Section 3. The number of Senators shall be equal to the number of participating institutions. All participating institutions shall have one seat in the Senate.

Section 4. Each institution's delegates must be enrolled students at that institution. The Senate and House of Representatives shall be judges of the qualifications of their own members.

Section 5. Not less than a majority of all the members to which each house shall be entitled shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 6. Any bill may be amended, altered or rejected by either house.

Section 7. No bill shall become law until it has been passed in identical form in each house by a majority of the members present and voting.

Section 8. Every bill which may pass both houses of the General Assembly shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Governor to be signed.

If, upon consultation with the Executive cabinet, the Governor shall refuse to sign it, it shall be returned with objections to the Secretary of State, who shall notify each house, to be read in open session. Either house may proceed to again consider the bill. If, in each house, a majority of the members present and voting shall agree to pass the bill, notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, it shall become a law. The votes of both houses shall be determined by an enumerated vote. Official communication from one officer to another or to a house of the Legislature shall be in writing.

If the Governor shall fail to return any bill by 9 a.m. of the next day after it shall have been presented to him/her, it shall become a law without his/her signature.

Section 9. No bill shall become a law which embraces more than one subject, that subject to be expressed in the title. All acts which repeal, revive or amend former laws, shall recite in their caption, or otherwise, the title or substance of the law repealed, revived or amended.

ARTICLE VIII

Judicial Department

Section 1. The judicial power of TISL shall be vested in the Tennessee Intercollegiate Supreme Court.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of five judges. When they are appointed, no two shall be enrolled at the same institution, and each grand division shall be represented by at least one justice enrolled at an institution in that grand division. The judges shall designate one of their own number who shall preside as chief justice. The concurrence of three of the judges shall in every case be necessary to a decision.

Section 3. Judges of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the Governor from the nominees of a commission to be established by the General Assembly.

Section 4. The term of office shall begin upon the adjournment of the General Assembly and be for one year or until

the judge is no longer qualified under this Constitution, whichever occurs first. A judge may serve three terms. Every judge shall be enrolled for fall and spring semesters at a Tennessee college or university, and none shall be enrolled in a college of Law. During the term for which he/she was appointed, a judge shall not seek another position or serve in any other capacity within TISL.

Section 5. The Supreme Court shall have original and sole jurisdiction in cases arising from the TISL Constitution and the laws of TISL and such additional jurisdiction as may be enacted by the General Assembly.

Section 6. Said court shall be held at Nashville concurrently with the regular session of the General Assembly and at such other times and places as may be provided by law.

Section 7. The Court, by majority vote, shall appoint officers and adopt rules of procedure consistent with the general laws of TISL.

Section 8. Judges may be removed from office by a concurrent vote of both houses of the General Assembly, each house voting separately; but two-thirds of the members to which each house may be entitled must concur in such vote. The judge against whom the Legislature may be about to proceed shall receive notice thereof accompanied with a copy of the causes alleged for his/her removal, at least ten days before the time at which either house of the General Assembly shall act thereupon.

Section 9. If a vacancy occurs before the expiration of a judge's term, the Executive Council, without the participation of the Attorney General or the Chief Justice, shall elect a qualified judge to serve the remainder of the term. The appointee shall have previously been endorsed by the nominating commission unless no such nominee shall be able and willing to serve.

Section 10. The Legislature may, by general laws, make provisions that special Judges may be appointed to hear any cause in which a Judge may be disqualified.

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. The Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature and its General Assembly are an unincorporated function

and division of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Foundation, a Tennessee non-profit organization.

Section 2. All actions, agreements or debts entered into by the TISL under previous Constitutions or other organizational documents shall continue to be valid as if adopted under this Constitution.

Section 3. Any action, written document or other procedure that is in conflict with this Constitution or the Charter of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Foundation shall be rendered invalid by this section.

Section 4. The Executive Council shall compile all laws governing the internal affairs of TISL and publish them on the TISL web site.

Section 5. Any law affecting eligibility to vote in TISL elections or referendums shall take effect after the General Assembly at which it is adopted.

ARTICLE X

Amendment

Section 1. An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed in the Senate or House of Representatives, and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of the members to which each house is entitled, such proposed amendment shall lie over until the next day or beyond; and if the General Assembly on a succeeding day shall agree to such amendment by two-thirds of the members to which each house is entitled, then it shall be submitted to the delegates at large, as defined by law, at the general election of the same General Assembly. And if the voters shall approve and ratify such amendment by a majority of all the delegates voting for Governor voting in favor, such amendment shall become a part of this Constitution.

Section 2. The General Assembly may adopt reasonable laws to implement this process.

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