

[The] Maryland Student Legislature, Incorporated  
Articles of Incorporation

FIRST: The undersigned: William Troy Simmons, Ronald Marc Abramson, and James Vincent Johnson, Jr., whose post office addresses are 8303 Perri Dr. Savage, Md. 20763, 10000 Ormond Rd. Potomac, Md. 20854, and 23 Rosewood Ln. Owings Mills, Md. 21117, being at least eighteen years of age, do hereby form a corporation under the general laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the Corporation shall be [The] Maryland Student Legislature, Incorporated (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

(a) The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, (1) the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as tax exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and, more specifically, to receive and administer funds for such educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare, and for no other purposes, and to that end to take and hold, by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal, or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value, except such

limitations, if any, imposed by law; (2) to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and expend the incomethere from for any of the before-mentioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; (3) to receive any property, real, personal, or mixed, in trust, under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes or any of them, and in administering the same to carry out the directions, and exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of the principal as well as the income, for one or more of such purposes, if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received, but no gift, bequest or devise of any such property shall be received and accepted if it be conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of the income or its principal to any person or organization other than a "charitable organization" or for other than "charitable purposes" within the meaning of such terms as defined in Article NINTH of these Articles of Incorporation, or as shall in the opinion of the Board of Directors, jeopardize the federal income tax exemption of the Corporation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now in force or afterwards amended; (4) to receive, take title to, hold, and use the proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, or other securities of any corporation or corporations, domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes, or some of them; (5) and, in general, to exercise any,

all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the applicable provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare, can be authorized to exercise, but only to the extent the exercise of such powers are in furtherance of tax exempt purposes.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article THIRD hereof. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

(c) Included among the educational and charitable purposes for which the Corporation is organized, as qualified and limited by sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Article THIRD are the following:

To educate college students across the state of Maryland

about the operation of a state General Assembly and to teach them to appreciate the concept of representative government. The Corporation actively pursues students from every state and private college or university in the state of Maryland and encourages students of every age, race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or political party affiliation to participate in its activities so long as they are a registered college student in the state of Maryland.

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the Corporation in Maryland is 8303 Perri Drive, Savage, Maryland 20763. The name and post office of the resident agent of the Corporation in Maryland is William Troy Simmons at the aforementioned address. Said Resident Agent is an individual residing in the State of Maryland.

FIFTH: The Corporation is not an organization for profit. THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CAPITAL STOCK. The number of qualifications for and other matters relating to its members shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

SIXTH: The number of directors of the Corporation shall be a minimum of three which number may be increased pursuant to the By-laws of the Corporation. The names of the Directors who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are William Troy Simmons, Ronald Marc Abramson, and James Vincent Johnson, Jr.

SEVENTH: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation's affairs, or upon the abandonment of the Corporation's activities due to its impracticable or inexpedient nature, the assets of the Corporation then remaining in the hands of the Corporation shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered, and paid over to any other charitable organization (as hereinafter defined) of this or any other State, having a similar or analogous character or purpose, in some way associated with or connected with the corporation to which the property previously belonged.

EIGHTH: The Corporation may by its By-Laws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of the business of the Corporation, provided the same be not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation nor contrary to the laws of the State of Maryland or of the United States.

NINTH: In these Articles of Incorporation,

(a) References to "charitable organization(s)" means corporations, trusts, funds, foundations, or community chests created or organized in the United States or in any of its possessions, whether under the laws of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States, organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures or is payable to or for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which do not participate in, or intervene in

(including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office. It is intended that the organization described in this Article NINTH shall be entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as now in force or afterwards amended.

(b) The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to and shall include only religious, charitable, scientific testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of the terms used in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 but only such purposes as also constitute public charitable purposes under the laws of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States, including but not limited to the granting of scholarships to young men and women to enable them to attend educational institutions.

TENTH: (a) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(b) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(c) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ELEVENTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

TWELFTH: Any and all amendments to this document shall be passed by a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of the Corporation's Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have signed these Articles of Incorporation this ninth day of March, 1991, and we acknowledge same to be our act.

William Troy Simmons

Ronald Marc Abramson

James Vincent Johnson, Jr.

Witnessed this ninth day of March, 1991.

William Woodcock

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