

## **AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA ORGANIZATIONAL SESSIONS**

You have been elected as a member of the Boys State General Assembly as either a member of the House of Delegates or Senate. You now have the responsibility to elect officers and organize your respective caucuses/chambers.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS**

- **Based upon the election results, the Majority and Minority parties in each chamber have already been determined and now you must elect certain leadership positions.**
- **Election of leadership positions. The Majority and Minority caucuses of each chamber will meet separately to elect the following positions:**

#### HOUSE AND SENATE MAJORITY PARTY CAUCUS

The House and Senate Majority caucuses will elect the following positions:

- A. Speaker of the House/President pro tempore of the Senate
- B. Majority Leader

#### HOUSE AND SENATE MINORITY PARTY CAUCUS

The House and Senate Minority caucuses will elect the following positions:

- A. Minority Leader
- B. Clerk

Each caucus may determine its' own rules for electing these positions. Once elected, please provide the Legislative Counselors with their list of caucus leaders including full name and Boys State city.

#### **SUGGESTED OPTION FOR ELECTING CAUCUS OFFICERS:**

Only one officer will be chosen at a time. If no one receives a majority on the first vote, the person(s) having the smallest number of votes shall not be voted for on the next roll call, and so on until one individual receives a majority of the whole vote.

For example, if there were 10 names placed in nomination and no one received a majority of votes on the first ballot then the caucus could drop the bottom five after the first vote, then the bottom three after the second vote and the last vote would be between the final two names remaining.

- **Each city delegation (House and Senate) will draft their legislative proposals**

**American Legion Boys State of Virginia  
House of Delegates and Senate  
Summary of Officer Responsibilities**

**Speaker of the House of Delegates**

- Elected by House Majority caucus (House Officer).
- Presides over the House from time of election to adjournment sine die. If he is unable to preside, the Majority Leader will preside in his place.
- Votes on all matters before the House.
- Does NOT participate in debate unless he relinquishes the Chair for the purpose of debate.
- Presiding Officer of ALL Joint Sessions (Supreme Court Elections and Inauguration)

**Senate President pro tempore**

- Elected by Senate Majority caucus (Senate Officer).
- Presides over the Senate exclusively until the inauguration of the Lt. Gov.
- Votes on all matters before the Senate.
- Does NOT participate in debate unless he relinquishes the Chair for the purpose of debate.

**Lt. Governor**

- Elected statewide by Boys State citizens and once inaugurated presides over the Senate.
- Does NOT participate in debate and Votes ONLY in the case of a tie division vote.

**House and Senate Majority Leaders**

- Elected by respective Majority caucus and is not an officer of the House or Senate.
- Provides leadership to the Majority caucus.
- Works with other officers to make sure work is completed in a timely manner.
- Has minor speaking parts in the Inauguration.

**House and Senate Minority Leaders**

- Elected by respective Minority caucus and is not an officer off the House or Senate.
- Provides leadership to the Minority caucus.
- Works with other officers to make sure work is completed in a timely manner.

**House and Senate Clerks**

- Elected by respective Minority caucus (House/Senate Officer).
- Assists legislative counselors with administration of House and Senate.
- If directed by the presiding officer or at the request for a division, responsible for counting votes.
- Works with other officers to make sure work is completed in a timely manner.
- Have speaking parts in the Inauguration.