

## **INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR WRITING LEGISLATION**

Each legislative city delegation (comprised of the city's entire House and Senate membership) of the General Assembly will be required to draft and introduce legislation of statewide significance. Each city may introduce a maximum of three bills which need to be introduced by 10:00 p.m. Tuesday. Once a city delegation has introduced two bills of statewide significance, the city may introduce a third bill related to ALBS policies and procedures for future Boys State programs.

### **BEST CITY AWARD POINTS FOR BILL DRAFTS**

As part of the Legislative Program, five city delegations will be awarded points to count towards the Best City Award. These points will be based upon the first bill filed by each city. The selection of the top five bills will be based on the following criteria:

- ✓ 25% Quality of written product based on grammar, punctuation, and legibility
- ✓ 25% Scope of legislative proposal to address an issue of statewide concern
- ✓ 50% Creativity and Feasibility of the legislative proposal to address an issue of statewide concern. DO NOT include your justification, arguments, or rationale as part of the bill text.

The selection of the top five pieces of legislation will be selected by the Legislative Counselors and announced to the General Assembly prior to adjournment sine die on Friday.

### **BILL DRAFT COMPONENTS**

**Patron:** The patron is the City Name. The delegation should decide which members of the House and Senate will be the primary person to explain the bill on the floor of the House and Senate.

**Summary:** Please provide a one paragraph summary (maximum of 250 words) that succinctly describes in broad terms the purpose of the bill and explains how the legislation will address the issue and/or solve the problem you have defined. This should NOT include your rationale/justification for WHY this is a good or bad idea.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE EXAMPLES PROVIDED**

**BILL EXAMPLES**

**City Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BILL # \_\_\_ of 3**

*Recognize the validity of out-of-state standardized tests, pertaining to transfer students.*

**Summary:**

*All students transferring from out-of-state schools that have taken equivalent standardized course subjects tests in their respective school systems for which the Virginia Standards of Learning Test (SOLs) examines are to receive credit for those classes. Furthermore, these students will not be required to take the SOL to receive credit for the class.*

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**BILL # \_\_\_ of 3**

*Limit out of state acceptance to Virginia’s public colleges and universities.*

**Summary:**

*A regulation will be placed on Virginia’s public colleges and universities that limit the acceptance of students from out of state to 15% of the college or universities accepted students.*

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**BILL # \_\_\_ of 3**

*Amend existing smoking regulations to include electronic cigarettes and electric vaporizer pens.*

**Summary:**

*That electronic cigarettes and electric vaporizer pens will be incorporated into the current smoking rules and restrictions that pertain to public and private facilities by the end of the government fiscal year on June 30, 2018*

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