

# **CONGRESS WORKSHOP BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

So.....you want to write a bill. DECIDE, is it something that you want to be definite and have the force of law OR are you merely stating a conviction and saying “Wouldn’t it be nice if...?”

## **HOW TO BEGIN:**

LOOK AROUND YOU, READ AND WATCH THE NEWS. Is something troubling you about our society, our foreign policy, our morals, etc. THEN:

I. STATE THE PROBLEM: \_\_\_\_\_

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II. WHY IS THERE A PROBLEM? ARE THERE ANY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS?  
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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III. WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT? ARE THERE PENALTIES IF THE LAW IS VIOLATED? IF FINANCING IS NEEDED, HOW WILL IT BE DONE? WHEN WILL THE LAW TAKE EFFECT?

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**NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN**

First write a resolution. Begin with WHEREAS clauses. Whereas clauses are where you build your rationale. Use Parts I and II to help you. Conclude with BE IT RESOLVED... using Part III. What can be done?

- 1.     WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.     WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.     WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.     \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.    WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 12.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 13.    WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 15.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 16.    THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:
- 17.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 18.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 19.    \_\_\_\_\_
- 20.    \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps you feel more strongly about the issue. You feel that “THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW!” – O.K. Write one! Use Part III to write your ENACTMENT sections. Penalties, financing, and when the bill goes into effect will be in the last section. What you want the law to be are in the first sections.

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Section 1: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Section 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Section 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Section 4: \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Section 5: \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Section 6: \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_