

Model Illinois Government Election Rules and Regulations

Article V – Elections and the Elections Commission *Section 1 – The Elections Commission*

1.1 – The Secretary of State shall appoint four (4) Commission Members (three (3) of which must be faculty advisors) and the five (5) shall constitute the Election Commission, which will be chaired by the Secretary of State. No two (2) members of the Election Commission may be from the same school.

1.2 – The Secretary of State shall also appoint up to three (3) alternate Commission members, who shall not have a vote. Should charges of impropriety be raised against a Commission member, an alternate member shall take the place of the member in question until the matter is resolved. The one member per school stipulation still applies for alternates.

1.3 – No member of the Commission shall play any role in the campaign of any candidate, nor shall they endorse, publicly support or advocate in public for or against any candidate. Any member who fails to comply with these rules will be removed from the Commission.

1.4 – The Election Commission shall oversee all election procedures including candidacy, decorum of candidates, and tabulation of the ballots.

1.5 – If the Secretary of State is a candidate for elected office, the Secretary of State may not serve on the Election Commission. In this case, the Secretary of State will appoint an Executive Committee member who is not a candidate for office and that person shall serve as Election Commission chair in place of the Secretary of State.

Section 2 – Candidacy Petition

2.1 – Delegates wishing to file for candidacy must either file with the Secretary of State a Petition for Candidacy with a minimum of twenty-five (25)

signatures (including a faculty adviser and twenty-four (24) or more delegate signatures) or a written letter of intent stating that the candidate wishes to run as a write-in candidate. A letter of intent must include the name of the candidate, the name of the candidate's member school, the office for which the candidate intends to run, and a signature of a faculty advisor.

2.2 – The petition for candidacy must include a candidate signed statement outlining the election and campaign procedures found in this article. Write-in candidates must also sign said statement. Failure to sign the statement will cause a forfeit of candidacy.

2.3 – All petitions for candidacy must be received by the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the elections. Any letter of intent to run as a write-in

candidate must be received by the Secretary of State no later than 10:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the elections and signed by a Faculty Advisor.

2.4 – All candidates must be part of a member school's delegation, or attends a school that attended the MIG Simulation in the previous year and remains in good standing, and is enrolled in at least one credit hour at that school at the time of the election.

2.5 – The Secretary of State shall be the only official of MIG who is able to receive petitions for candidacy or letters of intent. At the time of receipt, the Secretary of State will note the official time and date on the petition or letter of intent. If the Secretary of State is a candidate for elected office, a witness must also sign and time stamp every petition.

Section 3 – Campaign Regulations

3.1 – Candidates for elected office must follow all campaign procedures as well as the delegate code of conduct. In the event of a candidate's failure to follow said procedures the Election Commission, via a three-fifths (3/5) vote, may have the candidate removed from the election process and the ballot.

3.2 – Campaign materials may be distributed by hand, but may not be posted on walls or other structures in or on any building.

3.3 – The distribution or sale of alcohol may not be used for campaign reasons. Candidates and their supporters may not openly campaign for office during formally arranged educational activities of the organization. Buttons and other campaign material may be worn at all times, so long as

it is not a hindrance to the simulation or prohibited by set rules. Open campaigning will be allowed during all social events.

3.4 – No representative of Model Illinois Government shall make any restrictions on a delegate's right to campaign for positions of Model Illinois Government, so long as they follow the Delegate Code of Conduct.

Section 4 – The Ballot

4.1 – A delegate is able to place his name on the ballot for one office only. The ballot will have the offices listed in the following order: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and Chief Justice of Moot Court.

4.2 – The candidates for each office shall be listed on the ballot according to the time the petition for each is received by the Secretary of State. The candidate filing his petition first shall be the first to be listed on the ballot under the appropriate office.

4.3 – Each delegate must present his voter identification card to receive a ballot. Any delegate presenting his voter identification card will receive one (1) ballot and shall vote for only one (1) candidate under each office.

Section 5 – Election Procedures

5.1 – In the designated voting area, there shall be no electioneering by the candidates or their supporters.

5.2 – Only members of the Election Commission and alternates may participate in the tabulation of ballots.

5.3 – The box next to the candidate's name must be clearly marked with an appropriate mark in order for the vote to count.

5.4 – For a write-in candidate to receive a vote, the name of the candidate must be legibly written in the space provided in order for the vote to count. The last name is required unless two or more candidates with the same last name run for the same office. In this case, the last name and first name are required. Proper spelling is encouraged. Any misspelled names will be held over for a decision by the Election Commission, which will determine the count of the vote. The Election Commission, however, will be instructed to accept any spelling that is close and is deemed acceptable and within reasonable bounds. The decision of the

commission is final.

5.5 – The candidate who receives the most votes for the office for which he filed his candidacy shall be declared the winner.

5.6 – In case of a tie, the numerical results will be given to the candidates for that office first. If any candidate wishes for a recount, the Election Commission must do so at that time. If the candidates accept the results, the candidates will sign a form provided by the Secretary of State stating the candidates were satisfied with the election results. After the candidates sign the form, the winner will be selected by lot of the candidates who were tied before the announcement of the election results.