

**An Amendment  
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- Purpose:** To amend the SCSL constitution.
- Whereas,** Elections in this organization present enormous pressure for candidate consolidation; and,
- Whereas,** Delegation chairs should not be expected to impeach their own delegates; and,
- Whereas,** It is bizarre to see the second largest delegation winning “Best Small Delegation”; and,
- Whereas,** Our organization records worryingly little of what happens at each session, we are unable to find the old bill book from when I was a freshman; and,
- Whereas,** The Supreme Court Mock Trial case needs significant restructuring to become more interesting and involve more delegates without chewing up valuable floor time; and,
- Whereas,** Much of our parliamentary precedents are questionably constitutional; and,
- Whereas,** SCSL needs more delegates; and,
- Whereas,** Currently, our emergency session provision is in the bylaws, so utilizing it is unconstitutional under Article XVI; and,
- Whereas,** No delegation chair should be forced to get a signed statement from their university’s registrar; and,
- Whereas,** Fixing the antiquated provisions of our constitution merits many omnibus amendments, of which this is only a healthy start.
- Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in joint session assembled the following:
- Section I:** To amend Article X, Section 1 of the SCSL Constitution, which shall read:
- “An officer shall be elected by a majority of the legal ballots cast, or in an election with more than two candidates, elected via ranked choice voting implemented at the discretion of the Elections and Awards committee.”*
- Section II:** To amend Article XI, Section 2, subsection B of the SCSL Constitution, which shall read:

“Upon ~~unanimous~~ *two-thirds* vote of Delegation Chairs to impeach and convict, the officer in question shall be removed from office. The officer in question and Attorney General will each be provided 10 minutes to testify in front of Delegation Chairs before the Delegation Chair Vote. The Delegation Chair Trial will be presided over by the Chief Justice, *and may take place electronically.*”

**Section III:** To strike and replace Article XI, Section 5, subsections A-C of the SCSL Constitution which shall read:

“(A) A small delegation shall be defined as a delegation with the fewest third of delegates in the current session.

(B) A medium delegation shall be defined as a delegation with the second third of delegates in the current session.

(C) A large delegation shall be defined as a delegation with the largest third of delegates in the present session.”

**Section IV:** To add article V, section 2, subsection I to the SCSL constitution, which shall read:

“(I) Archive all materials from session in a format accessible to members of the Student Legislature. Materials may be made available to the public by the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor”

**Section V:** To strike and replace article VII section 2 subsection A of the SCSL Constitution, which shall read:

(A) “The Supreme Court shall conduct mock trial cases presented by the Chief Justice in a manner, space, and with attendance determined by the Chief Justice with consent from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House.”

**Section VI:** To add article XIII, section 3 to the SCSL constitution, which shall read:

“(3) The Presiding Officer or Parliamentarian may, as she/he sees fit, institute or continue special parliamentary rules and precedents which shall govern SCSL even if they contradict with Roberts’ Rules. A majority of the Executive Committee may vote to overturn any such special parliamentary rules at any time. Only a majority of the chamber the precedent applied to, the person who initially proposed said parliamentary rule can overturn the rule.”

**Section VII:** To strike Article VIII from the SCSL Bylaws, and add it as Article XV of the Constitution, and renumber subsequent articles.

**Section VIII:** To amend Article VI Section 3 Subsection C of the SCSL Constitution by adding clause 7, which shall read:

“7. Upon the discretion of the governor (which may be overruled by a two-thirds vote of Delegation Chairs) or a majority vote of the Delegation Chairs, each member school shall be able to bring as many delegates as they wish. Delegates added beyond the cap specified in clauses 1 through 6 may not vote in the elections provided for under Article X of the Constitution”

**Section IX:** To amend Article I, Section 3 of the SCSL Constitution by modifying subsection (C), which shall read:

“(C) The Secretary of State and Attorney General shall obtain from each member delegation a statement signed by the registrar *or otherwise an official document of the university* of that institution listing the number of full-time undergraduate students”

**Section X:** This amendment shall go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 upon passage by the General Assembly and the signature of the Governor.