How to Write a Boys State Bill

DUE: MAY 31ST, 2024 BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL AT BOYS STATE

 Following the format of the “Sample Bill” document you have been provided, you are tasked with creating your own piece of legislation which will be used during Boys State. All ideas must be your own, but feel free to take as little or as much inspiration from real life legislation as you wish. Bills which are sillier in nature are also permissible, ie. the sample bill. Please precisely follow the formatting of the sample bill. If viewing the sample bill on Google Drive/Docs, there will be author comments with formatting specifics. Please follow these comments to a tee. Just like in real life, bills which are not properly formatted will not be accepted on the floors of the House and Senate. If you choose to write a bill about real world issues, please try and choose one which is less divisive. Bills about very divisive topics like abortion typically lead to discussions where everyone ends up angry with each other and nothing productive is accomplished. Feel free to write your bill about whatever issue you would like, but know if you choose something more hot button/divisive, it may not be discussed. Below is a brief description of the sections that must be present on your bill, from top to bottom according to the sample bill.

1. AN ACT: This section is like a summary, or TL;DR version of your bill. It should be one to two brief sentences describing your legislation.
2. SECTION 1-X: This is where you lay out the specifics of your bill. This includes the rules of the bill and logistics, as well as how it will be enforced, possible punishments, grounds for violation of the rule, etc.
3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This one is very self-explanatory. You need to justify this bill and state the intended outcome of this bill. Explain why this piece of legislation is needed.
4. FISCAL IMPACT: This section should detail the finances of your bill. Explain where the funds (if needed) for this bill will come from, and how they will be appropriated. If your bill does not require funds, state as much.

Once you have completed your bill, please email it to gembsbills@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE A FILETYPE WHICH IS EASILY EDITABLE. Examples of this are .doc, .docx, or .txt. These are not the only acceptable file types, but are the most popular. If you create your bill using Google Docs/Drive, you may also use the share function to share the document with the email above, but direct emailing of the file is preferable. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT A PDF FILE, THESE ARE NOT EASILY EDITED. IF YOU SUBMIT A PDF FILE, OR OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO EDIT FILE, YOUR BILL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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BY (YOUR NAME)

AN ACT

PERTAINING TO THE GEM BOYS STATE; REQUIRING DELEGATES TO SPORT HAIR UPON THEIR UPPER LIPS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Gem Boys State:

SECTION 1  Gem Boys State shall enforce mustache presence upon the upper lips of all delegates.  This shall be enforced by the Junior Counselors.

SECTION 2  Fake mustaches shall be purchased by the Junior Counselors and distributed by the Junior Counselors at the original city election meeting and each morning.

SECTION 3  If a mustache is gone from a delegate’s face for more than thirty (30) seconds it shall be considered a sign of disrespect and print committee shall be given to the offending delegate.

SECTION 4  Such mustache articles may be removed in sleeping and washing facilities.  Delegates in these facilities are exempt from the penalties outlined in

section 3.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This bill will allow the delegates to ease into the world of politics with the influential mustache appearance and help them adapt to the hairy world of politics.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action shall take its funding by adding to the price of Gem Boys State for the delegates.  This shall be proportional to the necessity of fifteen (15) cent fake mustaches.

Lt. Governor:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Speaker of the House: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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