

Foundation of the SimDemocracy Media Corporation Bill

A BILL TO

establish the SimDemocracy Media Corporation and how it will be governed.

Article I - Establishment

- (1) The SimDemocracy Media Corporation (henceforth; SMC) shall be a statutory corporation, independent from direct government intervention.

Article II - Governance

- (1) The SMC shall be governed by a board consisting of the Subreddit Supervisor, the Discord Supervisor, the Website maintainer and 3 other persons appointed by the President with a 2/3s confirmation of the Senate (The Subreddit Supervisor, the Discord Supervisor and Website Maintainer are exempt from this rule).
 - 1.1 If a person has more than one of the roles mentioned above, they shall cast only one vote. If a board member gets appointed as Subreddit Supervisor, Discord Supervisor or the Website Maintainer, the President shall appoint a new board member.
 - 1.2 The President shall not appoint any member of the cabinet and themselves to the board
- (2) Every board member has to be approved every 28 days via approval ballots of board members with each member needing to have more approval ballots than non-approval ballots.
 - 2.1 If a board member gets more non-approval ballots than approval ballots, the Senate shall decide whether the board member should be removed or not via a simple majority.
 - 2.2 In the case of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a new board member.
- (3) The board shall elect a Chairperson within 24 hours of the approval of board members via an internal vote in the board. The Chairperson shall be the representative of the board in public.
 - 3.1 In the case of a tie, the President shall break the tie.
- (4) The Board shall have the powers to;
 - 4.1 Setting the strategic direction for the SMC
 - 4.2 Assessing the SMC's budget and ensuring value for money

- 4.3 Assessing the performance of the SMC
- 4.4 Setting SMC's policies
- 4.5 Deciding on issues of the SMC

Article III - The Independence of the SMC

- (1) The SMC must be independent in all creative decisions.
 - 1.1 SMC content shall be non-partisan and unbiased except explicitly said so.
- (2) The Government shall not legislate laws to hinder the services and work of the SMC.

Article IV - The Duties of the SMC

- (1) The SMC must serve the public interest by;
 - 1.1 ensure that the benefits (whether direct or indirect) of decisions outweigh the costs (whether direct or indirect) and in doing so, have regard to economic, social benefits and costs.
 - 1.2 ensure that no payment is needed to access to the SMC
- (2) The SMC must ensure the diversity of its content by;
 - 2.1 ensure that all voices are heard on an issue
 - 2.2 ensure that all opinions are treated equally.

Article V - The Powers and Limitations of the SMC

- (1) The SMC shall have the power to suggest changes to the website.
 - (a) SMC will have no ruling power over the website whatsoever.
- (2) The SMC shall have the power to produce and sponsor content such as but not limited to; Press Articles, Images, Videos, Podcasts.
 - 2.1 Content sponsored by the SMC is not inherently linked to the SMC, and sponsorship cannot be retracted due to anti-SMC parts that may appear in said content.
- (3) The SMC shall not include political advertisements whether paid or unpaid.
- (4) The SMC shall not take payment for political favour.
- (5) The SMC can produce paid content but the said content shall not be published in the name of the SMC.
- (6) The SMC can hire additional employees with the approval of the Chairman.
- (7) Any content made for the website shall now be under the ownership of the SMC

Article VI - Financing

- (1) The Chairperson shall propose the budget for the SMC. The board members can amend the SMC budget before sending it to the Secretary of the Treasury.
- (2) The Secretary of the Treasury or a representative of them may review the budget for the SMC before approving it.
- (3) The SMC budget cannot exceed 15,000 taus but the Senate may amend the limit.

Article VII - Citation

- (1) This bill shall be cited as; the Foundation of the SimDemocracy Media Corporation Act