

SUPREME COURT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Maine's Youth and Government Supreme Court program serves as Judicial Review, this means our court rules on proposed bills from the current year's program. The Justices of the Supreme Court and the Governor and his/her cabinet will develop a list of bills to be reviewed.

Once a list of cases is set, then the Justices will create and outline the issues they see in the bill and potential constitutional issues.

The outlines will be shared with lawyers who will then meet with the bill sponsors to prepare for the hearings. Hearings will be scheduled by the Court and will be the opportunity for the Bill Sponsor and Lawyer to argue for the Constitutionality of the bill, and the Attorney General will argue that the bill is unconstitutional.

After the Hearings, the Justices will deliberate, and make a ruling. They will use case law to reach their conclusions. Rulings will be published on a Case Tracker google form.

Supreme Court will have:

5 Justices

2 Lawyers

1 Clerk

1 Attorney General