



State of Dixie Bylaws

These bylaws include but are not limited to, meta-related matters that are prohibited from being changed by all parties barring the State Clerk, and those ranking above them. These bylaws supersede anything stated in the State of Dixie Constitution and passed laws, but not meta-wide rules. The State Clerk may change any portion of the bylaws but must give reasonable notice of the change.

Scheduling and Voting

- Unless otherwise stated by these bylaws or the state clerk, the following are the default rules for Bills. For the purpose of this section, bills include, but are not limited to, constitutional amendments and resolutions.
 - The bill will be read on a variant schedule subject to the determination of the state clerk.
 - The amendment period for the bill must be a length of four (4) days consisting of two (2) days of amendment proposals and two (2) days of amendment voting, if necessary.
 - Amendments to bills need a simple majority of those voting to pass, and they must be seconded in order to go to vote.
 - The person that proposed an amendment in the amendment period must vote on the amendment for their vote to count.
 - Should any two (2) passed amendments conflict with each other, the amendment with the higher passing rate must have supremacy over the other conflicting amendment.
 - Should the passing rates be equal, there will be a vote of the Assembly on which conflicting portion to accept. The portion with a plurality of votes must be accepted.
 - The voting period for the bill must be a length of two (2) days.
 - All bills will require a simple majority quorum of those voting in order to pass, with any ties broken by the Lieutenant Governor.
 - If no quorum exists, ignore the word “quorum”.
 - Voting must be recorded in the format of “Yea”, “Nay” and “Abstain”.

- If a vote is different than the three words above, then it is at the State Clerk's discretion to assign the vote the proper archivable function.
 - Bills will be posted in the format of "B#".
 - Constitutional amendments will be posted in the format of "A#".
 - Resolutions will be posted in the format of "R#"
- Unless otherwise stated by these bylaws or the state clerk, the following must happen for Leadership Elections.
 - Upon the start of a new term, or upon the call from an Assemblymen in the event of a vacancy or the passing of a re-caucus resolution, nominations for said leadership last a length of two (2) days.
 - Leadership positions must only be held by current members of the Dixie Assembly
 - The voting period for leadership elections must be a length of two (2) days.
 - It will always take a plurality of a vote to elect a candidate.
 - In a two-person election, the loser must be elected Minority Leader. This position contains no power.
 - In an election with more than two people, the candidate with the second-most votes must be elected Minority Leader. This position contains no power.
 - In the event there is only one candidate, the position of Minority Leader will remain empty.
 - In the event of a tie, the Lieutenant Governor must break the tie. If there is no Lieutenant Governor, no candidate is to be elected.
 - Votes must be functionally archived as the candidate's Reddit username.
 - If a vote is different from the candidate's Reddit username, then it is at the State Clerk's discretion to assign the vote the proper archivable function.
 - The Speaker has the power to re-order the docket at their discretion and close a vote early if all Assemblymen have voted on it.
- Unless otherwise stated by these bylaws or the state clerk, the following is to happen for Confirmation Hearings.
 - Upon the nomination of a candidate to a cabinet or court position, the candidate will have a nomination hearing for a minimum length of two (2) days
 - The voting period for the confirmation hearings must be a length of two (2) days.
 - It will always take a simple majority of those voting to elect a candidate.
 - Voting must be recorded in the format of "Yea", "Nay" and "Abstain".
 - If a vote is different from the candidate's Reddit username, then it is at the State Clerk's discretion to assign the vote the proper archivable function.
 - Confirmation hearing votes are to be considered privileged and will automatically be rushed.

Elections, Proxies, and Removals

- All Assemblymen, the Lt. Governor, and the Governor must swear in as directed by the State Clerk.
 - This provision applies to replacements regardless of how they gained their office.
- Any Assemblymen may request a proxy for themselves for a period of up to two (2) weeks.
 - The proxy must be requested by sending a modmail to [/r/ModelSouthernState](#).
 - The person that has requested the proxy may not carry out any function in the State of Dixie during their time utilizing a proxy.
 - A proxy may only be renewed a month after the end of the previous proxy.
 - The only exception to this is if the new proxy's length added on to the previous proxy is still under two weeks.
- If the Governor fails to act on two (2) voting periods worth of legislation within five days, counted as 120 hours, of voting results being posted, then they must be removed from office.
 - If the Governor intends on letting a bill pass without a signature, they must notify the State Clerk via modmail, otherwise, they must be penalized.
- If the Lieutenant Government fails to act on two (2) voting periods worth of tiebreaking on legislation within three (3) days, counted as 72 hours of their being pinged, then they must be removed from office.
- If an Assemblyman fails to act on three (3) voting periods worth of legislation, then they must be removed from office.
 - Any Assemblyman removed due to failure to vote cannot be appointed or otherwise regain the office of Assemblyman until the term has concluded.
 - In the event of a vacancy, parties have exactly one (1) week from the moment of vacancy to fill the vacancy. If the vacancy is not filled in this time frame, then the Governor must appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for the rest of the term.
 - This section is to also apply to Independents.

Legislation

- All pieces of legislation must be submitted by modmailing the [/r/ModelSouthernState](#) subreddit.
 - Any legislation not submitted in the above method may be rejected at the clerk's discretion.
- All pieces of legislation submitted with references to other Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, or state law code must include a hyperlink to said reference.
 - Failure to do so may result in the legislation being rejected at the clerk's discretion.
- Only Assemblymen, Cabinet Secretaries, the Lt. Governor, or the Governor may submit legislation to the docket.
 - Members not of the above class may author legislation and ask an included member to submit it by sponsoring the bill.
- There is to be no limit to the amount of legislation that can be submitted.

State-Specific Provisions

- A quorum is to be defined as four (4) Assemblymen when the assembly is seven (7) members
- Executive Orders and Directives must be numbered sequentially from their predecessors.

