

I, Parado-I, am the new clerk as of 4/6/2020. I'm just continuing this creation of Cur's, since I like it.

Hello! Occasionally clerks do things. I think those things should matter. For them to matter people need to be able to remember those things and be able to prove they happened. As a result, starting on October 30, 2018 I, Atlantic State Clerk CuriositySMBC, shall be keeping a fairly detailed record of any decisions I make that seem somewhat relevant to possible future decisions. There is no present system in existence for holding me accountable to these decisions besides maybe arguing your case to the Head State Clerk and my own shame. Regardless, I find this task worthwhile.

Topic(s): Legislative Replacement & Voting

Date: 10/30/18

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: Shitmemery and the GOP

Details: Shitmemery was a member of the GOP and the State Assembly. He left his party (the GOP), thus forfeiting his seat. This occurred less than 24 hours after the posting of bills for discussion on Monday. Bills are generally up for discussion for 72 hours (ending on Thursday). See [schedule](#).

Decision: The GOP leadership was told that *if* they are able to fill their vacant assembly spot prior to Thursday, that assembly member would be allowed to vote on the current set of bills. See [here](#) and [here](#). Replacements were also required to confirm the acceptance of their assembly seats on Reddit prior to officially taking office.

Topic(s): Vote Counting

Date: 11/10/18

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: Melp8836 and the GOP

Details: Melp8836 was a member of the GOP and the State Assembly. He left the assembly to join the house, thus forfeiting his seat. The clerk was [informed](#) of this after the end of the week's voting session. See [schedule](#). A mod mail message was sent to the clerk prior to the end of voting and on the same day as the end of voting, but the clerk did not take notice. Melp8836 had failed to vote on any of the [bills](#) up for a vote.

Decision: The GOP leadership was told that Melp8836 failures to vote would be counted on the official spreadsheet. This was agreed to by the GOP (and by extension Melp8836) and would have been the decision even if the modmail message was noticed.

Topic(s): Legislative Voting & Infractions

Date: 2/17/18

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: Assembly and Clerk

Details: A number of times the Clerk has been late to posting voting for bills, resolutions, etc, thereby either cutting the time assembly members have to vote down significantly or depriving them of a time at which they are accustomed to voting.

Decision: Should a voting thread ever be posted more than 12 hours late and voting time not extended by at least 24 hours to accommodate, any failures to vote by assembly members will not be counted as an infraction (worth +4 points at the time of decision).

Topic(s): Legislative Replacement & Voting

Date: 3/07/19

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: The DNC and jacolmanuki

Details: Malko_44 was a member of the Democrats and the State Assembly. He planned to leave the sim and the DNC wished to give his seat to jacolmanuki . This occurred less than 24 hours (9 or 10 to be exact) before the end of the amendment period and the beginning of voting.

Decision: The assemblymember was allowed to take part in voting, after they confirmed they would be joining the assembly.

Topic(s): Legislative Replacement

Date: 4/19/19

Clerk: NateLooney

Persons Involved: HazardArrow & APC

Details: HazardArrow was a member of the APC and the State Assembly. He was banned from the sim for one month and his seat needed to be replaced. As he was an independent when he ran (in the sense that he was on no party list), the question arose as to who would replace his seat.

Decision/Reasoning:

The seat ownership bylaws are found [here](#)

Now, obviously these are associated with federal seats, but the states are devolved from our federal guidelines.

Given this, I believe that all states are assumed to be elected in regards of party lists. However, as independents do not have a party (in the case of mumble), they own their seat, regardless of if they joined a party (the bylaws state that "If a Representative is elected on a party list; their seat shall belong to the party of which they are elected from. Considering that mumble was not elected from a party, and was not on a party list, the party does not own his seat).

On the case of HazardArrow, he was not an independent, but a member of an independent grouping. Grouping status affects whether or not you can run a list, but does not make you an independent. For this reason, If we look at 2c(iii)1, in the seat ownership bylaws, we can find that it says "If the Representative is found guilty [of meta punishment] the seat shall be forfeited and will be replaced by a member selected by the party of the Representative," we can see that the bylaws give me reason to believe that the seat will be handed over to the APC.

Topic(s): Voting

Date: 8/02/19

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: Fadingtwilight12

Details: Fadingtwilight12 was a member of the GOP and the State Assembly. Unforeseen circumstances put the assemblyman in a foreign country with poor internet access. None of that weeks four bills had been read and no proxy has been assigned in accordance with the process laid out in the bylaws. The assemblyman [requested](#), during the voting period, that the clerk count their vote present on all legislation up for debate.

Decision: The assemblyman was permitted to vote present (abstain) on all matters via the Clerk as proxy (of sorts).

Topic(s): Voting

Date: 11/30/19

Clerk: CuriositySMBC

Persons Involved: Jellycow99 & unorthodoxambassador

Details: Having already cast [votes](#) in the last weeks session, unorthodoxambassador left the assembly to become Governor of the seat. The former assembly member was then replaced by Jellycow99 who also cast [votes](#) on the last day of voting. While at first these votes were the same, Jellycow99 changed his votes and forced a decision to be made regarding whose votes should count. Soon after unorthodoxambassador also changed their vote despite no longer being part of the assembly.

Decision: Citing the precedent set on 11/10/18 and 10/30/18, it was determined that unorthodoxambassador votes should count as they were part of the assembly when voting had begun. This aligns with precedent as previously an assembly member's lack of voting was counted against them implying the reverse should hold and assembly members are only allowed to vote if they joined prior to the start of voting. Furthermore, votes changed after a person had left the assembly were held to be invalid.

Appendix:

↑ [-] **unorthodoxambassador** • 2 points 22 hours ago*

AB 141: Yea

Fri Nov 29 21:12:01 2019 UTC

AB 181: Yea

PA 016: Yea

AB 156: Nay

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Nvm, your vote counts and so help me God if you change it I will hunt you down.

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Gonna count Jelly as having voted instead cause I already set up the spreadsheet to include him. Also, your votes are the same.

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