



## **The Constitution of The Republic of Kavonia**

### **Preamble**

*We The People of Kavonia, united in our beliefs, born out of strife, struggle, and rebirth, believing in the shared principles of democracy, liberty, justice, freedom, and prosperity, declare the establishment of this constitution for the Kavonian Republic*

### **Article I - Establishment of the Region of Kavonia**

*Section I: This article hereby now and forever establishes the founding of this hallowed region. The region shall be named Kavonia, and the Constitution will make official the Second Kavonian Republic.*

Section II: *The Kavonian Republic hereby now and forever establishes its right to independence and sovereignty, and believes in its right to self-governance and self-sustainability through this constitution and its varying levels of government.*

Article II - Establishment of the Government of Kavonia

Section I: *The Kavonian Republic hereby establishes the government of Kavonia, in all of its forms, to be the sole legitimate governing body of the Kavonian Republic, tasked with creating, voting on, and ratifying legislation and maintaining the existing laws, including but not limited to the rights enshrined in this constitution.*

Section II: *Legislative powers shall be vested in the elected assembly of the Kavonian Republic, which consists of the Kavonian Senate, the Grand Minister of Kavonia, and the Kavonian Assembly*

Section III: *The legislative body of the Republic of Kavonia will consist of qualified elected officials, voted on by the legal citizens of the Republic of Kavonia*

Section IV: *The Kavonian Senate shall meet at least once a month, before the end of the month, to discuss any outstanding*

*legislation, propose new legislation, and ratify any passed legislation.*

*Section V: The Kavonian Senate shall elect a Senator to speak for the entire legislative body, this member will hereby be known as the Speaker of the Senate (Speaker for Short), tasked with leading the Kavonian Senate as its chief representative, organization of Senate monthly meetings, delivering messages to the Grand Minister on behalf of the Senate, and being the representative for official Kavonian events domestically.*

*Section VI: The Constitution hereby allows for a provision for an additional branch of the Legislation known as the Kavonian Assembly, which will be created upon the Senate reaching its full membership, hereby set at 7 Senators.*

*Subsection I: The Assembly shall have a full membership of 11 members*

*Subsection II: Both houses of the legislative body will be represented by qualified elected representatives*

*Article III - Establishing the Rights of the Citizen*

Section I: *The term citizen, refers to a resident of the Republic of Kavonia who has resided in the region for at least one (1) calendar month, or thirty (30) calendar days*

Section II: *The citizen is entitled to the rights enshrined, protected, and guaranteed by this constitution, they are as follows:*

- I. The Citizen has a right to freedom of speech, thought, and expression, so long as that speech does not directly harm or threaten another citizen of the Republic of Kavonia*
- II. The Citizen has a right to protest the members of his or her government, fellow citizenry, and/or founder*
- III. The Citizen has a right to their religious identity and has the right to practice that religion so long as it does not infringe or violate the rights of other citizens*
- IV. The Citizen has the right to participate in their region's government in any elected office of their choosing, so long as they meet any requirements designated in the constitution or otherwise*
- V. The Citizen has the right to vote in all Kavonian elections for all elected offices*
- VI. The Citizen has a right to a fair trial, conducted by the Minister of Justice, or one of their affiliate judges. In the event that the trial involves a judge, or the Minister of Justice themselves, the Founder may act as arbiter.*

- VII. The Citizen has a right to be represented by a fellow citizen in his trial, so long as that citizen is themselves not the subject of a trial investigation*
- VIII. The Citizen has a right to participate in the Roleplay of the Republic of Kavonia, and further has a right to roleplay any style of government of their choosing*
- IX. The Citizen has a right to appeal any decision by an elected or appointed official that he or she deems to be unfair, biased, or otherwise unlawful. This appeal will be seen by the Minister of Justice, or the Founder if the Minister of Justice is unavailable within a reasonable timeframe.*
- X. The Citizen has a right to be informed of any and all crimes they are being accused of*
- XI. Any rights not granted by the constitution shall be left to the interpretation of the Senate, Grand Minister, and if needed, the Minister of Justice*

*Section III:* *Under no circumstance, shall a member of the government or citizenry violate, infringe, or otherwise deprive a citizen of Kavonia of their listed rights, including those not specified by the Constitution*

*Subsection I:* *A government official may reserve the right to limit rights if the citizen in question has threatened, harmed, harassed,*

*slandered, or caused egregious offense to, a citizen of the Republic of Kavonia*

*Subsection II: If a citizen feels that they have been punished unjustly, they have the right under Article III, Section II, subsection IX to appeal their punishment to a higher official or Minister of Justice*

### *Article IV - Establishing Qualifications for Government Employment*

*Section I: A Citizen is considered qualified for a government position, both elected and appointed, so long as he or she meets the following criteria. For further explanation, refer to Article VIII, Section II*

- I. The Citizen is considered a citizen as stated in Article III, Section I of this Constitution*
- II. The Citizen has not been formally convicted of a crime against the Region*
- III. The Citizen meets the requirements of the office he or she is running for*

### *Article V - Offices of the Government of the Second Kavonian Republic*

*Section I: The offices of the Kavonian Government are as follows, in no particular order*

- I. Minister of Justice*
- II. Minister of the Interior*
- III. Minister of Foreign Affairs*
- IV. Minister of Records*
- V. Grand Minister*
- VI. Senator*
- VII. Assemblyman*
- VIII. Roleplay Minister*
- IX. Roleplay Officer(s)*

*Section II: The Minister Positions (with the exception of RP Ministers) shall be appointed by the Founder (sometimes referred to as Governor) of the Republic of Kavonia*

*Subsection I: Terms for appointed Minister Positions are Indefinite*

*Section III: Terms for the Elected positions (I.E. Senator, Assemblyman, and Grand Minister) are three (3) month terms, and all elected positions expire at the end of the term, unless re-elected.*

*Article VI - Powers of the Government*

Section I: *The Powers of the government are listed below according to the specific office.*

Subsection I: *The government's powers are limited to what has been specified in this constitution*

Section II - Founder: *The Founder of the Republic of Kavonia (also known as the Governor) has the power to:*

- I. Appoint and remove Ministers, both elected and unelected*
- II. Appoint Interim Elected Ministers in the case of a resignation, impeachment, removal or if less than fifty percent (50%) of the Senate is staffed*
- III. Assume the duties of a government office if requested by the General Minister, lasting until relieved or an election occurs. Or if the General Minister position is vacant and the Founder can not find a qualified individual to fill the role*
- IV. Carry out investigations on behalf of the Minister of Justice if the position is vacant*
- V. Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*
- VI. Mute, ban, and/or eject members from the discord and/or region*
- VII. Introduce legislation to the Senate to be discussed and voted on*
- VIII. Cast a vote for elected offices per rights guaranteed in Article III, Section II, Subsection V*



Subsection I: The Founder is subject to the full force of the law, and may be prosecuted via the Minister of Justice should he or she be found to be conducting unlawful business

Subsection II: Conversely, the Founder reserves the right to remove any of his or her appointed Ministers if he or she finds their conduct to be unlawful

Section II - Minister of Justice: The Minister of Justice has the power to:

- I. Prosecute any citizen of the Republic of Kavonia for unlawful or unconstitutional conduct
- II. Interpret the laws of the constitution as written
- III. Strike down legislation deemed to be unconstitutional or unlawful
- IV. Appoint circuit court judges to deal with low level issues
- V. Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region
- VI. Mute, ban, and/or eject members from the discord and/or region
- VII. Ask for any and all evidence relating to the case, including but not limited to, personal correspondence, actions before and after the accusation, and witnesses relevant to the case, so long as the request is legally obtained through constitutional avenues
- VIII. Deliver verdicts in court cases

*IX. Deliver sentencing, including but not limited to bans, ejections, and/or probationary periods,*

*Subsection I: The Minister of Justice must inform the citizen of his or her rights prior to conducting an investigation of a citizen, and must be informed of his accused crime*

*Subsection II: The Citizen is considered innocent until proven guilty*

*Subsection III: The citizen has the right to*

- I. Remain Silent*
- II. Seek a legal counsel/attorney/representative, or have one provided by the court or Founder*
- III. Give up their right to remain silent, under penalty of anything they say being legal evidence that can and may be used against them in their case*
- IV. Answer as many or as few questions as they wish prior to speaking with their trusted legal counsel*

*Section III - Minister of the Interior:*

*Subsection I: The Minister of the Interior has the power to:*

- I. Manage the region's RP, including the RMB*
- II. Appoint an RP Minister if they wish to do so*
- III. Invalidate or void RP posts found to be in violation of the Republic of Kavonia's latest edition of the RP Ruleset*

- IV. *Reject map claims and expansions if they are found to be unsatisfactory or in violation of the latest edition of the RP Ruleset*
- V. *Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*
- VI. *Mute, ban, and/or eject members from the discord and/or region*

#### *Section IV - Minister of Foreign Affairs:*

##### *Subsection I: The Minister of Foreign Affairs has the power to:*

- I. *Accept or reject embassy requests*
- II. *Communicate with foreign regions to obtain embassies*
- III. *Act as a representative of Kavonia on the international stage*
- IV. *Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*
- V. *Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*

#### *Section V - The Grand Minister:*

##### *Subsection I: The Grand Minister has the power to:*

- I. *Act as the delegation for the Republic of Kavonia on the international stage*
- II. *Vote in the World Assembly as the elected representative of the Republic of Kavonia*
- III. *Introduce legislation to the Kavonian Senate to be discussed and voted on*

- IV. Vote in Kavonian elections*
- V. Cast a tie-breaking vote in the Kavonian Senate in the event of a tie*
- VI. Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*
- VII. Mute, ban, and/or eject members from the discord and/or region*
- VIII. Veto legislation passed by the senate, with the exception of a legislative to impeach.*
- IX. Create policy for the region, either through legislation or through Ministerial Decree so long as it is constitutionally legal.*
- X. Campaign for re-election through announcements, RMB posts, or personal messages, so long as it is done through constitutional means*
- XI. Appoint Recruitment Officers for the region, the limit of which being determined by the Grand Minister's discretion*
- XII. Appoint cabinet members, the number of which being determined by the Grand Minister's discretion*
- XIII. Introduce legislation to impeach a Minister, Senator, or Assemblyman, both elected and appointed.*

*Subsection II:* *The Grand Minister may not offer incentives, such as RP benefits, or other special privileges to voters in exchange for their vote. The only acceptable offer is a position within his cabinet.*

Subsection III: Any violation of Section V, Subsection II will result in punishment, including but not limited to: Loss of eligibility, loss of office, a probation period, ejection from the region, and/or a ban from the Republic of Kavonia

Subsection IV: The Grand Minister may vote for himself in an election in which he or she is a candidate for, including the Grand Minister Position

Subsection V: The Grand Minister may appoint a total of three cabinet members to aid in the execution of his duties. This limit may be increased to meet increased demands of the region over time by petitioning the Founder or Justice Minister.

## Section VI - Kavonian Senator:

Subsection I: A Kavonian Senator has the power to

- I. Write legislation to be introduced to the Senate to be discussed and voted on
- II. Introduce legislation to be discussed and voted on
- III. Vote on legislation on the senate floor
- IV. Introduce legislation to impeach and/or remove the Grand Minister from office
- V. Campaign for re-election through announcements, RMB posts, or personal messages, so long as it is done through constitutional means
- VI. Vote in Kavonian Elections

*VII. Introduce legislation to impeach a Minister, Senator, or Assemblyman, both elected and appointed.*

*Subsection II: A Senator may not offer or accept incentives, such as RP benefits, or other special privileges to or from voters in exchange for their vote.*

*Subsection III: Any violation of Section VI, Subsection II will result in punishment, including but not limited to: Loss of eligibility, loss of office, a probation period, ejection from the region, and/or a ban from the Republic of Kavonia*

*Section VII - Kavonian Assemblyman: The Kavonian Assemblyman will have the same powers as the Kavonian Senate, listed and enumerated in Section VI, Subsection I of the Constitution.*

*Section VIII - Minister of Records: The Minister of Records is tasked with maintaining the presentation, appearance, and safe archival of the records of the Republic of Kavonia. The Minister of Records has the following powers:*

- I. Assign, revoke, and add discord roles to members of the region*
- II. Mute, ban, and/or eject members from the discord and/or region*
- III. Vote in Kavonian Elections*
- IV. Edit, maintain, and organize the records of Kavonia*

- V. *Maintain and edit the presentation of the RP resources, such as maintaining an updated map on the NS page, maintaining presentation of the RP economics page and other related matters*

Section IX - Roleplay Minister: *The Roleplay Minister will be tasked with maintaining the current RP Ruleset of the Republic of Kavonia and being the representative of the Republic of Kavonia's Roleplay. The Roleplay Minister has the power to:*

- I. *Manage the region's RP, including the RMB*
- II. *Invalidate or void RP posts found to be in violation of the Republic of Kavonia's latest edition of the RP Ruleset*
- III. *Reject map claims and expansions if they are found to be unsatisfactory or in violation of the latest edition of the RP Ruleset*
- IV. *Propose and introduce legislation to modify, expand, or remove rules and systems from the RP Ruleset*
- V. *Vote in all Kavonian Elections*
- VI. *Vote on RP legislation*
- VII. *Override the decision(s) of their fellow elected RP Officers*

Subsection I: *The Roleplay Minister will be elected by their fellow Kavonians for a term of three (3) months or ninety (90) calendar days. The term expires at the end of the aforementioned period of time unless re-elected*

Subsection II: Kavonians are permitted to run for as many terms as they wish to, as long as they remain qualified to do so

Subsection III: Kavonians are eligible for Roleplay Minister or Roleplay Officer as long as they meet the following qualifications:

- I. Must be a citizen of Kavonia
- II. Must be an active participant of the region's Roleplay for at least one (1) month or thirty (30) calendar days, making at least one (1) roleplay related post per week
- III. Must not hold another government position at the same time as RP Minister or RP Officer
- IV. Must not have been removed from the RP by an RP Minister, or the Minister of Interior for repeated RP Ruleset offenses

Section X - RP Officer: The Roleplay Officer is an elected representative of the RP tasked with assisting the Roleplay Minister in managing the region's Roleplay scene. They must meet the qualifications mentioned in Article VI, Section IX, Subsection III. The Roleplay Officer has the power to:

- I. Manage the region's RP, including the RMB
- II. Invalidate or void RP posts found to be in violation of the Republic of Kavonia's latest edition of the RP Ruleset
- III. Reject map claims and expansions if they are found to be unsatisfactory or in violation of the latest edition of the RP Ruleset



- IV. Propose and introduce legislation to modify, expand, or remove rules and systems from the RP Ruleset*
- V. Vote in all Kavonian Elections*
- VI. Vote on RP legislation*

## *Article VII - Discord Conduct and Decorum*

*Section I:* *Citizens of the Republic of Kavonia are expected to adhere to the rules and guidelines they accepted when they created their discord accounts.*

*Section II:* *Citizens of the Republic of Kavonia are also expected to adhere to the following additional rules:*

- I. Keep conversation(s) relevant to the channel you are speaking in*
- II. Do not harass or otherwise insult other citizens, guests, or delegations of the Republic of Kavonia*
- III. Follow directions of the chat if directions are provided*
- IV. Do not put any unnecessary chat or posts into channels where it is not needed or welcome*
- V. Do not join the region with alternate accounts unless approved by a government official*
- VI. Be respectful and courteous to all citizens, guests, and delegations of the Republic of Kavonia*

*VII. Do not use racial or otherwise derogatory slurs directed at any race, religion, creed, sexual orientation, or other group of people. Any and all offenses of this rule will result in immediate ejection and ban from the Republic of Kavonia*

### *Article VIII - Procedures for Election(s)*

*Section I:* *As stated by Article III, Section II, Subsections IV and V, every citizen of the Republic of Kavonia has the right to run for government office and/or vote in all Kavonian elections*

*Section II - Procedures for Running For Office:* *Citizens running for office must adhere the the following criteria:*

- I. The Citizen must declare their candidacy (sometimes called 'Intent to Run') no later than one (1) calendar week before election day*
- II. The Citizen must be eligible to run for public office*
- III. The Citizen must resign from their current office if running for a higher office*

*Section III - Election Procedures:* *A Citizen may vote in all Kavonian elections as reinforced in Article VIII, Section I. However, they must have met the requirements for citizenship as stated in Article III, Section I.*

Section IV - Special Requirements for Grand Minister: Citizens who intend to run for Grand Minister must meet the following additional requirements:

- I. The Citizen must have participated in at least one (1) election either through voting or running
- II. The Citizen must be a World Assembly approved citizen for at least one (1) calendar month or thirty (30) calendar days

Section V: Election procedures for candidates are as follows:

- I. Candidates will declare their candidacy no later than one (1) week before election day
- II. Candidates may campaign for their platforms immediately after declaring
- III. Candidates must have at least one (1) public debate to debate their platforms before election day
- IV. On election day, candidates may not campaign or send any last minute messages, or announcements
- V. Elections will be conducted through regional polls, which clearly state how much time voters have to cast their ballot
- VI. Voters may not switch their vote after casting
- VII. Upon conclusion of ballot submission, the votes will be counted to ensure only legitimate votes are counted
- VIII. The candidate that wins 50%+1 votes will be declared the winner of the election

- IX. In the rare event of a tie, the election will proceed to a runoff election between the two candidates with the highest vote totals*
- X. If the runoff election also results in a tie, the tie will be broken by the Minister of the Interior*
- XI. If the Minister of the Interior is unavailable, or the office is vacant, the tie is then broken by the Founder*

*Section VI: Voting Procedures for Senate Legislation are as follows:*

- I. Legislation will be introduced by a member with the constitutional power to do so*
- II. Legislation will be discussed by the Senators and Ministers if needed*
- III. Upon conclusion of the discussion period, determined by the Speaker of the Senate, the voting period will start*
- IV. Senators may cast their vote until the Speaker declares time has expired*
- V. Legislation is considered passed with a simple majority vote of 50%+1, otherwise the legislation is considered failed.*
- VI. In the result of a Tie, the tie-breaking vote is cast by the Grand Minister*
- VII. In the case of voting for an amendment to the constitution, the amendment is considered passed with a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote by the Senate, and if created, the Assembly as well. If a*

*two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote is not reached, or if the Minister of Justice and Founder mutually agree to veto the amendment, the amendment is considered failed.*

### *Article IX - Procedures for Court Trials*

*Section I:* *Every Citizen of Kavonia has a right to a trial for any and all crimes they have been accused of. Furthermore, every Citizen has a right to be informed of the crime they are being accused of*

*Section II:* *Court Procedures are carried out by the Minister of Justice, or his or her affiliate judges.*

*Section III:* *Procedures for court trial are as follows:*

- I. The Minister of Justice, or the prosecuting judge, will inform the accused party (known as the defendant or the accused) of the charges brought against them by their accuser (known as the plaintiff or the prosecution)*
- II. The Accused will be reminded that they are constitutionally innocent until proven guilty in the court of law*
- III. The Accused will be provided up to 72 hours to seek legal counsel as granted to them by their rights listed under Article VI, Section II, Subsection III. If they can not find legal counsel, one will be provided to them*

- IV. *The Accused has the right to refuse legal counsel and represent themselves at their trial.*
- V. *The Prosecution will have an equal 72 hours to gather their evidence and any correlating witnesses to their case against the Accused*
- VI. *Upon the expiration of the aforementioned 72 hours, a public trial will begin, presided by either an affiliate judge or the Minister of Justice*
- VII. *The trial will go for as long as is needed to present all evidence and witness testimony. However, a trial may not go longer than 2 hours a day*
- VIII. *The parties involved in the trial will be permitted closing remarks at the end of the trial*
- IX. *At the end of the trial, the evidence will undergo a final review by the affiliate judge or the Minister of Justice*
- X. *The affiliate judge or the Minister of Justice will deliver their verdict on the case, and will hand out the appropriate sentence*
- XI. *The Accused will then be permitted their right to appeal their case to the Minister of Justice as stated in Article III, Section II, Subsection IX, unless the appeal is for a case ruled by the Minister of Justice themselves, in which case the appeal will be directed to the Founder*
- XII. *The Minister of Justice, or the Founder, will review the case, evidence presented, ruling, and sentence.*

- XIII. The Accused will have a chance to present their case and evidence supporting their appeal*
- XIV. The Minister of Justice or Founder will make a ruling either in support of the original ruling, or in support of the appealing party*
- XV. If the Accused is successful in their appeal, they will be considered cleared of their charges and their record expunged of the charges they were convicted of*

### *Article X - Establishing the Crimes of Kavonia*

*Section I:* *The Republic of Kavonia hereby establishes its right to establish offenses committed against the region, its guests, or its citizens as criminal and subject to criminal penalties*

*Section II:* *The Republic of Kavonia lists the following offenses to be minor crimes, which shall receive a sentence of a probationary period of no less than thirty (30) days and no more than one-hundred-eighty (180) days.*

*Subsection II:* *A probationary period is hereby defined as a period in which the convicted citizen is restricted from participation in Discord, and participation in government office*

- I. Slanderous, or insulting remarks directed towards a citizen of the region deemed to be egregious (first and second offense)*

- II. Violating the rules of Article VII of the Constitution*
- III. Violation of Minister or other moderator directions and requests (first and second offense)*
- IV. Violation of RP Ruleset (first and second offense)*

*Section III:* *The Republic of Kavonia lists the following offenses as major crimes against the region, which shall receive a sentence of a ban and/or ejection from the Region and its Discord server(s)*

- I. Knowingly conspiring to commit election fraud*
- II. Knowingly conspiring to commit voter fraud*
- III. Knowingly conspiring to commit a coup or overthrow of the region*
- IV. Knowing committing repeated constitutional violations*
- V. Racist, or other derogatory remarks towards a citizen of the region*
- VI. Slandorous, or insulting remarks directed towards a citizen of the region deemed to be egregious (third offense)*
- VII. Violation of Minister or other moderator directions and requests (third offense)*

*Section IV:* *The offenses listed in Article X, Sections II and III, may be modified, added to, expanded, or removed based on legislation legally passed by the Kavonian Senate*



## Article XI - Establishing Procedures for Impeachment

Section I: The Republic of Kavonia recognizes that no individual is perfect, and no matter how good the intention(s), human beings are prone to corrupt and tyrannical practices. Given the aforementioned assertion, the Republic of Kavonia enshrines into law the constitutional power to impeach any government official, both elected and appointed, to ensure both accountability and a guarantee of a free and democratic Kavonia.

Section II: Given the severity of an impeachment procedure, the Republic of Kavonia puts in place a rigorous and rational procedure to ensure both proper conduct, and to protect the rights of the accused. As such, the procedure for an impeachment is as follows:

- I. The legislative body will bring forth the allegations and intent to impeach a sitting government official
- II. The body will launch an investigation into the alleged conduct, and call forth any witnesses or corroborating evidence via Senate subpoena to analyze and determine the criminality (or lack thereof) of the conduct
- III. If the evidence is both sufficient and found to meet a satisfactory need for impeachment, the legislative body with the power to impeach will bring forth legislation containing Articles of Impeachment

- IV. *The Accused party will be informed, as constitutionally guaranteed by Article III, Section II, Subsection X, of their charges and crimes, including the impeachment charges*
- V. *The Accused will be granted a chance to stand before the legislative body and be presented with the evidence of their conduct, and additionally will be permitted to present their own evidence supporting their case*
- VI. *At the end of the hearing, the legislative body of the Senate and Assembly will vote on the impeachment per the articles of impeachment presented*
- VII. *If both the Senate and Assembly return a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote in the affirmative, the accused member will be impeached and removed from their office, effective immediately*
- VIII. *The impeached individual is then considered ineligible to hold or run for a government position, both elected and appointed*
- IX. *The impeached individual may appeal their case to the Minister of Justice, if accepted, the procedure designated under Article IX, Section III, shall be followed*
- X. *If the appeal is successful, the formerly impeached individual is absolved and declared eligible to both run and hold government office, both elected and appointed*

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