

Examples of how to write a bill/resolution

A Bill to [Action Word] [article] [Object] to [Summarize the Solution Specifically]

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** State the new policy in a brief declarative sentence, or in as few sentences
3 as possible.

4 **SECTION 2.** Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.

5 **SECTION 3.** Name the government agency that will oversee the enforcement of the bill
6 along with the specific enforcement mechanism.

7 A. Go into further details if necessary.

8 B. Go into further details if necessary.

9 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to [Action Word] [article] [Object] to [Summarize the Solution Specifically]

1 **WHEREAS,** State the current problem (this needs to be accomplished in one brief
2 sentence); and

3 **WHEREAS,** Describe the scope of the problem cited in the first whereas clause (this
4 clause needs to flow logically from the first) and the inherent need for a
5 solution; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Explain the impact and harms perpetuated by the current problem (once
7 again, the clause needs to flow in a logical sequence); and

8 **WHEREAS,** Use additional “whereas” clauses to elaborate rationale for the problem
9 that needs to be solved; now, therefore, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled make the following
11 recommendation for solution (a call for action); and, be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That (this is an *optional* additional recommendation; if not
13 used, end the previous “resolved” clause with a period).

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**A Resolution Amending the Constitution to
[Summarize the Solution Specifically]**

1 **WHEREAS**, While you can use “whereas” clauses in a Constitutional amendment
2 resolution to indicate the rationale for the amendment; and

3 **WHEREAS**, You also could just delete both “whereas” clauses and begin the
4 Constitutional amendment resolution with the “resolved” clause; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 **RESOLVED**, That upon approval of two-thirds of the chamber of this Student Congress
7 here assembled, the following Constitutional amendment be sent to the
8 state legislatures for approval:

9 SECTION 1: State the first part.

10 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
11 appropriate legislation.

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