

## **A. CHANGES TO THE BALLOT.**

With these changes, our school limit is also changing.  
Please make sure you read that section.

**1. SPEAKER/LT GOVERNOR/PRO-TEMP:** Students will run for Speaker of the Red House, Speaker of the White House, Speaker of the Blue House, Red Lt. Governor, White Lt. Governor, Blue Lt. Governor. There will be no candidates for Pro-Temp. Winner of those 6 races will be Speaker/Lt Governor. Runner up (2nd place) will serve as Speaker Pro-Temp for that chamber.

**2. FLOOR LEADERS:** Students will run for Red Floor Leader, White Floor Leader, or Blue Floor Leader. There will be no candidates for chamber specific Floor Leaders (ie- Red Senate Floor Leader). When completing the nomination form, candidates get to state their preference for house or senate. Winner gets first choice, runner up (2nd) gets other chamber.

(Ex: I run for Red Floor Leader (with a preference for Senate). I get first place. I would then be Red Senate Floor leader, and 2nd place would be Red House Floor Leader)

**3. Engrossing Clerk, Clerk, and Sgt at Arms:** These offices will be nominated by schools/advisors and the nominee must write a short essay. A panel of judges will help select winners (who will be announced at the end of the conference just like the campaigning officers). Nomination form and essay questions will be on the website soon. These applicants will not need to submit a platform (see below). Please note- there will no longer be an officer position for chaplain.

**4. School Limit Changes:** Schools may nominate up to 3 students for Lt. Gov, Speaker, and Floor Leader. In addition to those 3, a school may nominate a candidate for Governor (bringing your total to 4).

For Engrossing Clerk, Clerk, and Sgt at Arms, schools may nominate up to 3 students. (This would bring your total to 7)

These limits do not apply to the Court, Press, or Lobbyist components.

## **B. CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN RULES & REGULATIONS:**

**1. All Candidates (including Governor) must have a PLATFORM. Platforms will be submitted with the candidate nomination form. Platforms must be explained in a candidate's speech.**

The platform includes three issues that a candidate believes are important for YIG to address. These three issues must include:

1. An issue that affects the candidate's community service interests.
2. An issue that affects the candidate's local community.
3. An issue that affects the State of Tennessee as a whole

\*\*\*\*A platform should be more than listing problems, but does not necessarily need to endorse specific policies.

Note 1- If a student is elected, his/her platform will be posted on our (coming for next school year) "Meet Your Officers" page.

Note 2- We plan to offer some way for Lt. Gov/Speaker/Pro-Temp to advocate for their platform while serving as officers. This will most likely take form in a small Speaker's Docket that advances 2 bills from committee for consideration. Obviously, Floor Leaders will be able to advocate for their platform from the floor.

## **2. Campaign Material Limitations**

Candidates will be permitted the use of four (4) types of materials to use during their campaigns. These are the ONLY materials that are allowed. No candidate can spend more than \$100 on these materials, including the retail value of items donated from any person or organization:

1. (One) Trifold Board (3ft x 5ft) -- specifics will be emailed to registered candidates.
2. Business Cards
3. Buttons
4. Speech (2 minutes max) --- required\*\*

No other items or promotional materials will be allowed, even within your delegation. This includes, but is not limited to: posters, pens, bracelets, flyers, ribbons, t-shirts, stickers, gum, candy, toys, and items restricted by the hotel. Distribution of any non-approved items will result in a candidate being removed from the ballot.

Social media outlets can be used by students for their campaign, but may not be paid for; this includes Snapchat Geo Filters, Facebook Ads, or other promotions. Students may not be endorsed by politicians, other partisan groups, or celebrities. Finally, students may not campaign in the voting area.