

VHSL State Congress Guidelines

DOMESTIC

- Supreme Court Term Limits
- Gender Pay Inequality
- Super Session: Use of Force by Police Departments

INTERNATIONAL

- Teacher Protests in Mexico
- U.S./North Korea Relations
- Super Session: U.S./Israel Relations

VIRGINIA

- Chesapeake Bay Revival
- Richmond Gentrification
- Super Session: Tobacco Tax

ECONOMIC

- Alibaba Stock
- Social Security
- Super Session: Facebook Information Gathering

Student Congress Website

Use of the VHSL Student Congress Website (http://www.instantaneous.com/VHSL_Congress/) for legislation submission for state participation is MANDATORY. Students should strive to write succinct legislation that fits on one page.

Writing and Submitting Legislation

116-6-1 Each participating student must write either a bill or resolution to be discussed. This legislation should be labeled "A." Participants may write one additional bill or resolution, labeled "B," which may be considered only after first bills/resolutions "A" from all participants in the chamber have been brought forward. Bills/resolutions must be electronically submitted **at least one week in advance** of the state tournament via the Student Congress website.

State Legislation Submission Deadline

The state tournament is **April 24-25**. The state Student Congress legislation submission deadline is **April 16 at 11:59 p.m.**

Speeches

All speeches shall have been written by the competing student during the school year in which the contest is conducted and not contain an excess of directly quoted material, nor shall the speech be a mere paraphrase taken completely from one source. The student shall acknowledge the sources of any quotations used. Penalty for a plagiarized speech is disqualification.

Tournament Limitations

No school or team may participate in more than 16 tournaments during the school year.

Rules and Procedures

Please refer to the VHSL Handbook (<http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/pub-handbook-2014-15.pdf>) and VHSL Debate Manual (<http://www.vhsl.org/doc/upload/deb-manual-2014.pdf>) for complete rules and procedures of competition.