

BYLAWS OF THE LEGISLATIVE STUDIES SECTION OF  
THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1                      Members of the Section

Members of the Legislative Studies Section of the American Political Science Association shall consist of all persons with an interest in legislative processes, behavior, and representation who indicate a desire to be members and who pay the annual Section dues along with their Regular or Associate American Political Science Association dues.

Section 2                      Meetings of Members

Annual Meetings of the Section will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Announcements of Section Annual Meetings will be included in the printed program of the Association and in the Newsletter of the Legislative Studies Section.

Section 3                      Annual Dues

Annual Section dues shall be established at the Annual Meeting of the Section and continue to be in effect until changed at a subsequent Annual Meeting. The amount of dues shall be recommended to the Annual Meeting by the Executive Committee. Section dues are payable at the time of payment of Regular or Associate American Political Science Association dues.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS

Section 1                      Executive Committee

An Executive Committee consisting of six (or eight) members--Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chair (or Program Co-Chairs), and three (or four) Members at Large--is responsible for directing the activities of the Section. Two members of the Executive Committee, the Chair and the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years for terms of two years. A Program Chair (or co-

Chairs) shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section each year and serve as a member (or members) of the Executive Committee for a term of two years, the first year as Program Chair (or co-Chairs, the second as a Member at Large. Two additional Members at Large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years to serve two-year terms.

Section 2      Chair

One of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years explicitly to serve as Chair for a two-year term. The Chair shall preside at the Annual Meetings, call meetings of the Executive Committee, and be responsible for implementing and coordinating the programs of the Section for a two-year term.

The Chair shall appoint three individuals from among the general membership, one of whom shall be designated as Chair, to serve as a Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall recommend at least one person who consents to be nominated for those offices the terms of which are due to expire during the next year.

The Chair shall appoint a member of the Section to serve as the Editor of the Newsletter of the Legislative Studies Section, to serve at the pleasure of the Chair.

Section 3      Secretary-Treasurer

One of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for a two-year term. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain the Minutes of the meetings of the Section and be responsible for the funds of the Section.

Section 4      Program Chair (or Program Co-Chair)

One of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at each Annual Meeting of the Section to serve as Program Chair (or Program Co-Chairs)The Program Chair(s) shall organize and direct such programs as are approved at the Annual Meeting. The Program Chair(s)will serve as Program Chair(s)for one year, and then automatically become a Member at Large of the Executive Committee for one additional year.

Section 5      Members at Large

Two of the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section in odd numbered years to serve as Members at Large for two-year terms.

ARTICLE III: SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

The Section regards the *Legislative Studies Quarterly* as the medium of scholarly publication for its members, and the Newsletter of the Legislative Studies Section as the medium of communication concerning the professional programs of the Section and the professional activities of its members. It encourages its members to contribute to the *Quarterly* as the scholarly medium most focused on the substantive issues of the section.

#### ARTICLE IV: PROGRAMS OF THE SECTION

##### Section 1      Professional Gatherings

The Section may establish special panels, workshops, symposia, or social, gatherings at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, and at regional and other professional meetings. The Program Chair shall develop and implement such programs.

##### Section 2      Awards and Prizes

The Chair shall appoint three-member committees to select the recipients of each of the following five prizes, the CQ Press Award for the best paper on legislative politics presented at the preceding Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, the Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize for the outstanding book in the area of legislative studies published in the preceding year, the Carl Albert Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the area of legislative studies copyrighted in the preceding two years, the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* during the preceding year, and the Alan Rosenthal Prize for the best book or article in legislative studies written by a junior scholar that has potential value to legislative practitioners.

#### ARTICLE V: AMENDMENT OF THE BYLAWS

The Annual Meeting shall have the power to modify, alter, or amend the bylaws of the Section by a majority vote.