



## **GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A BILL**

Have an idea for a Bill? You are invited to submit a Bill at ALA Magnolia Girls State.

Be guided by the following suggestions:

1. Only one idea or bit of legislation to a Bill.
2. Only legislation that pertains to the State, not an individual community or on the Federal level.
3. Keep it simple. No more than two (2) pages, please.
4. Each Bill is for serious, effective legislation for the good of our own State.
5. PLEASE TYPE--it is difficult to read some handwriting!
6. Your proposed Bill must be turned in to the Magnolia Girls State Office by your Senior Counselor by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

### **A BILL SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, IN THIS ORDER:**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Magnolia Girls State assembled that:

SECTION 1: State the new policy in a brief declarative sentence or in as few sentences as possible.

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

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

SECTION 4: Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

SECTION 5: State that all other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Writer's Name and City)

*Each City will submit two bills—a third bill title is recommended in case of duplication from another city. After the Bill titles are approved, then the writers of the bills will craft the bills, type them, and turn them into the MGS Girls State Office by Wed. at 3 p.m. These bills will be submitted to the legislative bodies (House and Senate) on Thursday. All bills that pass the MGS House and Senate and is signed into law by the newly elected MGS Governor, will be sent to the Mississippi State House and Senate for their review and possible action.*