

THE GOD DAMN STICKY!

Welcome to the /sen/ate! How does the senate function? Well it functions based on representation. YOU get to vote on who you want to lead the /sen/ate!

What is the /sen/ate?

For those who used to browse halfchan /pol/, the /sen/ate is an attempt to recreate the old /pol/ senate thread via an actual board. If you'd like to roleplay, roleplay. If you'd like to shitpost/discuss things, feel free. If you want to get an action through such as having the words "Butt/Ass/Heiney" replaced with "Candyhole," feel free, and if the current /sen/ators agree, then BAM, it's a thing.

In the long run, the /sen/ate could be used as a cross-board ethics system or some other such thing. I dunno.

Who are /sen/ators?

/sen/ators are people who have been elected in the most recent ballot (usually done through google forms atm). They are either individuals, or they are part of a party. Parties are individually regulated amongst themselves. Some parties refer to a single person as the head of all affairs within the party, while other parties split the vote via polls amongst themselves or with individual /sen/ators. Some parties don't even require registration, simply the use of their party name to be legitimized as a member of said party.

At the time of this sticky, there are 350 /sen/ator slots available. Actions may be passed to increase/decrease this number.

I want to be a /sen/ator, when are the elections?!

Great! To try to become a /sen/ator, simply register your name in the official registration sticky. Elections are held every Friday (time varies) by the Board Owner, and voting ends Sunday morning at 7 AM UTC ("Midnight" mountain time). If you win enough votes to be announced as a /sen/ator, then you will become an official part of the process!

Senate slots are split based on percentage, and rounded to the nearest integer while remaining within 104 seats, benefiting the smallest qualifiers with potential extra seats first. If a party wins 48% of the vote, they will receive 50 seats outside of specific circumstances where this may be reduced to 48/49 seats.

As of 11/03/2014 all senators are required to have a secure tripcode (<http://pastebin.com/1UACYmRF>)

What is the difference between an individual and a party then?

An individual /sen/ator runs on their own platform. For all intents and purposes, they are the sole decider of their votes. A /sen/ator can receive a maximum of three seats on the /sen/ate.

ADDENDUM: As per popular demand, after the first set of elections that will occur, /Sen/ators can run for both the party and individually in future elections, so long as their party is not founded on a one-person-holds-all-seats basis.

A party can have as many seats as are available. If theoretically a single party received all the votes, they would receive all the seats. Parties can have a single /sen/ator decide their vote if they wish, but they function as a collective rather than as an individual.

NOTE: If multiple parties try to spring up with the same idea (“Ebola is love” versus “Love Ebola” with the same general platform), they will be asked to merge in order to keep from having twenty parties all supporting the same thing (this prevents a pseudo-monopoly or the formation of 20 parties with the same ideas but run slightly differently).

What are alliances?

Alliances are pacts or truces made between competing parties, usually due to small differences, but overall similar goals. Alliances serve no purpose at this time, though actions could be passed in the future regarding benefits/penalties of alliances.

I’ve made/joined my party, what are actions?

Actions are attempts to pass things through the /sen/ate. Examples of actions include new rules, filters, adding banners, changing the subtitle/announcements, and various other things. They can also be things such as “ban chinese imports” or “legalize abortion.”

Actions will remain “open” for twentyfour hours to allow some time for folks to respond, while still remaining semi-swift. An action must “cool down” for 24 hours after voting has ended, and if it fails a second time, the action must wait five days before being proposed again.

Who can vote on actions? Who can make an action?

/sen/ators and official representatives of parties that have received seats will be allowed to vote on actions, though you are more than welcome to post in action threads. Anyone can make an action thread, regardless of if they are anonymous or a /sen/ator, though repeat threads will be locked, and deleted if necessary.

Why a 24 hours cooldown on actions?

To minimize shitposting without outright banning it. If an action failed (even if by a close margin), it should be given 24 hours before re-addressing it as an official vote. Likewise, actions that have passed require a 24 hour cooldown.

I'd like to make an addendum to my action I've passed!

Simply post as the ID who registered the action stating what the addendum is, and it will be official (the owner/volunteer(s) will attempt to keep track of these where possible, and edit them into the OP). If an addendum would seriously change the nature of an action ("ban all reactionaries" to "ban all right wingers"), then all previous votes will be considered abstains.

If a /sen/ator registers an action, they are officially considered as a "yay" vote, but it's good to post in case someone accidentally forgets to count you!

Instructions for submitting an Action!

1. Create a new thread for an action
1. Put the name of the action you wish to pass in the subject.
1. Put ==ACTION== at the top of your post so people know it's an official action.
1. Put a description of what the action entails in your post.
1. As per recent changes in legislature, it's now required to

Parties can feel free to either vote yay, nay, or abstain from voting. Abstaining counts your vote as neither a yay or nay in determining the 2/3rds majority to pass it.

So How do I start a party? There's no registration sticky?

If the registration sticky is down, registration of new parties is currently down until the end of elections. It will go back up when voting begins again.

Permanent Rules

The permanent (non-negotiable) rules are as follows:

- 1) All Global Rules Apply here!
- 2) Please spoiler any NSFW content (I'm not a dick and won't ban yah for this, but repeat offenses will result in thread deletion instead of manual spoiling)
- 3) The Board Owner may not be overthrown

Laws in Action!

Laws regarding Volunteers

(<http://pastebin.com/wW4Qbd93>)

1. I will not disclose information regarding the posting of individuals through the IP tracker, unless in extreme circumstances that would tie the individual to multiple rule violations that would usually result in a ban, or if issued by an officially passed senate action.

(this more or less means volunteers can't make remarks about the postings of individuals in other threads unless it's through their namefagging/tripfagging)

1. I will not utilize the ban/delete/lock functions unless it is in direct relation to a p
2. Previously passed action, or at the
3. e request of the OP (This part is due to change soon)

1. I will not (intentionally) use my volunteer status to further my, or another party's agenda
1. I am allowed to take the place of typeclerk/moderator in actions and debates should the Board Owner not be present and action need to be taken. I will make a report in one of the stickied threads when such an action is taken.
1. In the case of multiple board volunteers, I will identify myself somehow (whether through a picture, signature, or tripcode) in order to prevent confusion and ensure proper documentation.

Currently Recognized Volunteers

1. Comrade Kane
2. Sen Weil
3. Xeno

Economic Laws

Utilization of "The Chanmark" (<http://pastebin.com/BpCUBqfK>
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"ban on all chinese
goods for health problems and economical interest of our country."

The HELiOS Project (<http://pastebin.com/SxMefvkB>)

International Laws

Utilization of "The Chanmark" (<http://pastebin.com/BpCUBqfK>
<http://pastebin.com/BpCUBqfK>)

Policy Laws

Project WFLulz (<http://pastebin.com/881ix3Tf>)

Tankery is officially recognized and explicitly supported by the /sen/ate
(<http://pastebin.com/cabESrEF>)

Allemannsrett (<http://pastebin.com/bj3CHhaq>)

1. All land is free for people to use for exercise and recreation
2. Limits include
 - a. When property is privately owned and damage to their property occurs
 - b. When land is used for something other than exercise and recreation
 - c. When a person damages the land they are using through this law

On the Establishment of Nobility (<http://pastebin.com/i9HMSJz5>)

1. This Act shall establish the nobility within the Senate.
2. The Senate may bestow a noble rank to any Senator by a simple vote.

3. Noble ranks shall become indicated based on technical possibilities. The default noble rank shall be Baron; however, the Senate may bestow other non-royal ranks to a Senator if they reflect his character better.

4. Failure to keep one's Senate seat during an election shall not strip a nobleman of his rank.

The Dueling Act (<http://pastebin.com/t64hssfV>)

Legalities (“rules”)

Senatorial Convention on Out Of Character Posting

"The undersigned Delegates agree that:

1. All posts are assumed to be "in character" (Since we are sort of roleplaying. Don't even lie about it you faggots.) unless stated otherwise.
2. Out Of Character posts or sections, or meta-discussion in Action threads or otherwise unmarked threads be marked [OOC] by using tags like this. [/OOC] Or by some other clear delineation.
3. "Meta" threads or off-topic threads have some such marker in the subject line and all posts within would be considered out-of-character."

This is to foster professional in-character environment while still allowing casual speech on the board as well as making sure Senators are actually able to assume a character and keep it separate from the rest of their identity, and finally so that meta-discussion doesn't meddle with actual discussion of issues."

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"for the purposes of expediency and ease of identifying parties in the future, all registered parties must not only provide their full name, but also a ONE TO FIVE LETTER ABBREVIATION that can be used interchangeably."

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The Anti-Dox proposal of 2014 (<http://pastebin.com/HmGKW4v1>)

1. The disclosure of any and all personal information of anyone on this board without their consent is illegal
1. The board owner and volunteers will investigate claims of personal information being posted.
1. If found guilty by the board owner and volunteers, the Senate will vote to decide punishment.
1. "SWATing" or similar offences will result in a permaban, no exceptions.

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The Close Call Addendum (<http://pastebin.com/RJ4C1Fh6>)

This addendum allows abstainers to revote on issues that have a 4/7ths (~57%) majority or greater even if voting is closed. The abstainer must revote within 12 hours of the closing of the poll.

This addendum will not affect any action that has been made prior to the potential passing of this addendum.

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The transparency and record keeping act (<http://pastebin.com/8sBqdf97>)

1. /sen/ will continue to be archived on 8archive.moe
1. A unanimous vote of all the senators is required to stop archiving /sen/ on 8archive.moe
1. In the case of 8archive.moe going offline for an extended period of time, a new archiving solution will be sought and implemented
1. For the purposes of this bill, an extended period of time is defined as any period of time lasting longer than two weeks

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The /sen/ate action management act (<http://pastebin.com/z9kmtauB>)

- 1) No /sen/ator may propose an action when two or more actions he has proposed are still active
- 2) No party shall have more than seven actions proposed by its members active at one time
 1. 3) Actions proposed by /sen/ators who are both independents and members of a party shall be counted in the number of actions proposed by a party
- 4) The term "active" shall be defined as "still in the 24 hour voting and debate period" for this action
- 5) "He" shall be defined as "any /sen/ator of any gender or species" for this action

Major Ratifications

Constitutional Convention (<http://pastebin.com/3U27exFC>)

The Troll Act (<http://pastebin.com/hgEcxxTp>)

Sunday Rest Act (<http://pastebin.com/yrAfRwuD>)

Religious Laws ((mostly holidays))

"establish October 31, November 1, and November 2 as days of rest and remembrance of the dead.

Collectively, they are referred to as Allhallowtide.

Individually, they are Halloween (10/31), All Saints Day (11/1), and All Souls Day (11/2)."

"There shall be no official religion for the senate."

Observance of 420 (<http://pastebin.com/6gtB0AnC>)

Action 1

This will recognize April 20th as a federal holiday and observed via a day of chill; smoking not required; voting still allowed.

Action 2

Ten minutes before and after 4:20 and 16:20 every day (your time or UTC) shall also be observed as a chill period; smoking not required; voting still allowed.

Misc. Laws

1. The /sen/ate recognises the importance of the Environment to the people of earth and strives to protect it, maintain it, and appreciate it in a reasonable manner. (<http://pastebin.com/e5kcCQaE>)

2. The /sen/ate denounces the elections held in the United States of America as being controlled by money-hungry bankers and vested interests (<http://pastebin.com/UKhXE6Z7>)
3. CYP A (<http://pastebin.com/0pCDkFFw>)
4. Recognition of Honorable /sen/ators (<http://pastebin.com/q5ugB5xa>) (Only partially passed)

The following /sen/ators are recognized as nobility

Caesar, The Mouth of the Emperor, Epsilia, Tory (barons), Bishopric Squeezy III (first brother)

I would like to recommend that in subsequent voting, we instate a quorum.