

**BYLAWS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION OF THE
LAW LIBRARIANS' SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C, INC.**

ARTICLE 1. NAME. The name of this special interest section of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., shall be the Legislative Research Special Interest Section.

ARTICLE 2. OBJECT. The Legislative Research Special Interest Section will provide its members with a forum for information exchange on federal and state legislative affairs and the use of legislative documents and information in a legal setting; it will promote an occupational identity for legislative librarians; and by its activities and publications will enhance the career performance of all library personnel in the Society who use legislative documents or monitor Congressional affairs.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP. Membership shall be open to any Regular, Institutional, Student, or Life member of the Law Librarians' Society upon payment of section dues.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS. There shall be periodic meetings of the section, scheduled at the discretion of the officers, or at the written request of five or more section members to the Executive Board of the Law Librarians' Society.

ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Officers. The Officers shall consist of a president and vice-president/president-elect. The term of each officer shall be one year, except that the Vice President/President-elect shall serve one year as vice president and the following year as President.

Section 2. Duties of the Officers. The president and vice president/president elect shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices. Among such duties shall be:

- (a) conducting regular meetings of the section;
- (b) participation in the regular production and revision of Law Librarians' Society legislative publications, and provision of other membership services beneficial to the section;
- (c) arranging and publicizing seminars and other education events on legislative or regulatory research topics;
- (d) assessment of dues as approved by the Executive Board of the Law Librarians' Society and the preparation and submission to the Board or its representative of SIS budgets and account expenditures and receivables;
- (e) informing and coordinating with the Law Librarians' Society Executive Board and appropriate LLSDC contacts in the planning and scheduling of activities, publications and programs of interest.

Section 3. Election of Officers. Prior to the expiration of their terms, the officers shall administer the nomination and election of new officers. Voting shall be by secret ballot, except in the case of uncontested elections, when voting shall be by acclamation at the last Section business meeting preceding the expiration of the officer' terms.

Section 4. Terms of Office. All officers shall serve their term until successors are elected or such other vacancy occurs. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the remaining officer shall appoint a replacement for the duration of the unexpired term.

Section 5. Committees. There shall be such standing and/or special committees as the officers deem necessary.

ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS. Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed to the Executive Board of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., Inc. by a petition signed by 15 members of the section. Upon approval of the Executive Board, proposed amendments shall become effective when approved by a majority vote of the section present at its next scheduled business meeting. Last revised - May, 1997