

Constitution *of the* Rutgers University Student Assembly



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Preamble

We, the undergraduate students of Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway, in order to represent and defend our interests and rights to the community; to promote academic freedom; to provide a forum for the open expression of student ideas and opinions; to establish an equitable environment and deliver justice; to effectively disburse student fees; and to ensure the virtue of a more perfect Rutgers for ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Rutgers University Student Assembly.

Article I: General Provisions

Section 1 Purpose of Rutgers University Student Assembly

With a proud history of student self-government dating to 1894, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (hereafter referred to as “RUSA”), shall serve as the official voice of the student body of Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway. RUSA shall advocate and protect student interests and rectify concerns; shall serve as a resource center for students; and shall provide oversight for and disburse student fees to student organizations through the Allocations Board.

The authority of RUSA is self-evident from the inalienable rights of undergraduate students of Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway and from the partnership with the administration and faculty of Rutgers University as the primary student governing organization for all students of Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway.

Section 2 Anti-Discrimination Statement

RUSA does not and shall not discriminate anyone on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, political affiliation, and status as a veteran.

Section 3 University Regulation

RUSA shall abide by all justifiable rules and regulations of the University, including those that apply to non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

Section 4 Federal, State, and Local Laws

RUSA shall abide by all justifiable laws of the State of New Jersey and the United States as well as any local statutes which may affect the actions of the Student Assembly.

Section 5 Professional and Residential Student Governments

Part A. Professional Student Governments

Professional schools may have their own respective representative councils, independently governed but subject to RUSA law, having legislative powers and an executive board. Membership shall be composed from the professional school constituency. These councils may determine their preferred governance structure. The Professional School Councils shall elect a number of Senators as determined by the University Senate.

Part B. Residential Student Councils

Other or different constituencies of Rutgers may have its own representative councils. These councils shall be independently governed, while recognizing RUSA's preeminence, and shall be able to write resolutions pertaining to their constituent bodies. These councils shall determine their own preferred governing body. Allocation Board funding to these councils be determined by RUSA on a case by case situation.

Part C. Process to Form a New Student Council

Should the students of a professional school or similar unit desire to form a new representative council that will be recognized by RUSA, said unit shall follow the process outlined in the RUSA Standing Rules.

Section 6 Members of RUSA

A member of RUSA shall be defined as all representatives and members of the Assembly, any appointed members, all members of the Allocation Board, all Councilors of the Judicial Council, and all officers.

Officers of RUSA shall be defined as members of the Executive Committee, the officers of the Allocation Board, and the Chair of the Judicial Council.

Article II: The Assembly

Section 1 Powers of the Assembly

All legislative powers shall be vested in the Assembly, the legislative body of RUSA. It shall operate through committees and general body meetings. It shall also retain the power to approve the annual budgets of RUSA and its affiliated organizations.

The Assembly proper shall be composed of Senators, Special Interest Representatives, Residential Area Representatives, School of Arts and Sciences Representatives, and Professional School Representatives. All representatives and Senators shall sit in an Assembly committee and their respective caucuses.

Section 2 Responsibilities of Members of the Assembly

Part A. Residential Area Representatives

The Residential Area Representatives shall represent the interests of their campus and its students coinciding with the interests of the entire Rutgers community.

27 Residential Area Seats shall be apportioned on the basis of undergraduate campus population. Representative seats will be apportioned to the Cook Campus, Douglass Campus, College Avenue Campus, Livingston Campus, Busch Campus, and the Off-Campus Population. Every 4 years, the Election Commission shall reapportion these seats accordingly using the same factors of undergraduate campus population.

Part B. School of Arts and Sciences Class Representatives

The School of Arts and Sciences Class Representatives shall represent the interests of the School of Arts and Sciences and their respective SAS class years coinciding with the interests of the entire Rutgers academic community.

School of Arts and Sciences Class Representatives shall be evenly distributed by class year as defined by the University. Each class year shall have three (3) representatives.

Part C. School of Arts and Sciences Senators

The School of Arts and Sciences Senators shall represent the interests of the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses at-large. In addition, these Senators shall serve in the Assembly.

The number of University Senate seats is determined by the amount of Senate seats allocated to the School of Arts and Sciences, as outlined in the University Senate Handbook. The President and Vice President of RUSA may not serve as Senators.

Part D. Professional School Representatives

The Professional School Representatives shall represent the interests of the respective professional school each representative was elected from, coinciding with the interests of the Rutgers academic community.

Professional School Representatives shall be apportioned based on their respective professional school population by one thousand (1000) per one representative (or major fraction thereof). The Assembly, via the Elections Code, shall be able to adjust such but can not fall lower than one thousand (1000) per one representative. Representative seats will be apportioned to the Rutgers Business School, School of Engineering, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Planning & Policy, and the Mason Gross School of the Arts. RUSA shall coordinate the elections for all professional schools not represented by a student government, except where prohibited by university policy.

Part E. Cultural Umbrella Organizations and Special Interest Representatives

Representatives from each cultural umbrella organization may internally select a member to sit in the Assembly as a full voting member. Special population organization, as listed in the Standing Rules, may sit in the Assembly as a full voting member. The qualifications for what a special interest group is, and the list of recognized special interest groups, shall be a matter for the Standing Rules

Section 3 Caucuses of the Assembly

All Representatives and Senators shall be in a caucus of the Assembly. The Caucuses shall only be composed of their prospective constituent representatives, as established in Article II Section 2. They shall be able to represent the student body of their constituency. All caucuses shall meet at least once per month but are encouraged to meet more often.

All caucus chairs shall be elected internally during the first meeting of the Fall Semester. The Chairs are responsible for remaining in consistent contact with pertinent administrators to advocate for and protect the interests of their caucus' constituencies, as well as organize and chair meetings of their respective caucuses.

The nature of all Caucuses, and the types of formally recognized Caucuses, shall be addressed in the Standing Rules.

Section 4 Committees of the Assembly

Part A. Standing Committees

The Assembly may create committees referred to as Standing Committees. All Representatives and Senators must sit in one of these committees. These committees may be created by a $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote of all present voting Assembly members through the passage of a Standing Rules change, wherein the change shall outline the respective responsibilities and necessary internal procedures of the Standing Committee(s) shall be open to all Rutgers University students, but voting shall be limited to Assembly members.

Part B. The Appointment Committee

For all vacancies in any seats within the Assembly, an appointment committee shall be instituted to fill these seats. Membership and the appointment procedure shall be determined by the Standing Rules. All applicants must have the same qualifications for the positions they are appointed for.

Section 5 Impeachment

To remove a member of RUSA from office, the Assembly, Professional School Councils, and Residential College Councils shall follow the procedures in this section, and may adopt additional procedures. The Assembly shall determine how these trials will be conducted.

The Assembly, Professional School Councils, and Residential College Councils shall utilize the authorized committee to review the membership of RUSA of the individual in question. After a thorough investigation, this committee has the exclusive power to recommend a member of the council be impeached. Reason(s) for impeachment shall be outlined further in the RUSA Standing Rules and Code of Ethics. At the committee's discretion, a member of the council may be recommended for expulsion for additional reasons.

Culture Caucuses and Special Interest Representatives can also be removed by their respective organization and therefore forfeit that individual's RUSA voting position.

The accused member being impeached shall be tried at a closed meeting of the Assembly, and shall be given an opportunity to defend the charges brought against them. Said member shall not have a vote and shall not be counted towards quorum. A $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority vote of all voting members present is required to remove a member from office. The Chair of Judicial Council shall chair all impeachment proceedings.

Article III: Executive Committee

Section 1 Executive Board

Part A. Powers

All executive power shall be invested in the collective Executive Committee. The Executive Board shall manage the operation of the Assembly and set the agenda for the Assembly. Additionally, the Assembly may grant the Executive Board additional duties and responsibilities.

Part B. Membership

The President of RUSA shall serve as the official representative of the Student Assembly and the undergraduate body of Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway; shall have at least one year's experience in RUSA; may call special meetings of the Assembly; serves as an ex-officio member for all committees in the Assembly; shall have the power to create ad-hoc committees and other subsidiaries; can assign charges to the Assembly committees with the assistance of the Vice President; shall file an annual report with the Assembly and to any other offices; shall chair the Executive Board and supervise the Cabinet and all departments; and shall have the power to veto any legislation proposed by the Assembly, whereby a veto may be overturned by a subsequent $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Assembly and with other regulations of the veto power to be determined by the Standing Rules.

The Vice President of RUSA shall assist the President with reports, meetings, and other appropriate tasks; preside over meetings of the Assembly; shall oversee the Assembly committees; shall assign members of the Assembly to committees; shall become the President of the Assembly in the event of a vacancy, impeachment, resignation, or when the President is otherwise unable to serve in said capacity; and perform such other duties

The Treasurer of RUSA shall act as the direct elected authority regarding student fees and have duties in part to: provide oversight on the use of any and all student fee money, develop and submit a budget for the Assembly to the Allocations Board; serve as a voting member of the Allocations Board; keep an accurate account of all funds of the Assembly and submit regular reports to the Assembly; oversee the distribution and management of funds within RUSA in accordance with rules enacted by Assembly; and direct their junior counterparts within professional school and residential college councils as required and support when requested.

The Secretary of the Assembly shall record the minutes of the Assembly and Executive Committee meetings; maintain a list of Assembly and committee members and make the list available upon request; facilitate internal communications of the Assembly; ensure that notices of Assembly meetings, resolutions, and proposed amendments to this Constitution are made available to the public; maintain records of member attendance; distribute paperwork for the Assembly; ensure that documents are sent to the proper administrators or departments; and manage the Assembly's correspondence. The Secretary may seek assistance from other people.

The Parliamentarian of the Assembly shall advise on procedure to the presiding officer and the Assembly when needed; serve as tie-breaking ex-officio member in the Executive Board; and execute other powers granted by the Standing Rules and regulations of the Assembly. The Assembly may add other voting members to the Executive Board through Standing Rules changes and amendments.

Section 2 Cabinet

The Cabinet shall assist the President to perform the functions of RUSA. Establishment, alterations, responsibilities, membership, and regulations of the Cabinet shall be determined by the Assembly and the Standing Rules. All Department Directors shall be Cabinet members.

Article IV: Judicial Council

Section 1 Powers of the Judicial Council

All Judicial power shall be vested in the independent Judicial Council, including the power of judicial review. They shall serve as the Appeals Court for Elections, and have investigatory power for the matters pertaining to the Code of Ethics. They shall adjudicate all conflicts between different parties within the Rutgers University Student Assembly. The Judicial Council shall also have the power to establish their own bylaws. All rulings of the Council shall be final.

The Assembly may regulate the Council and grant them additional powers and responsibilities, including the power to establish lower courts.

All judicial bodies may refrain from answering or adjudicating on all matters presented to it.

Section 2 Membership of the Judicial Council

The Judicial Council shall be composed of five (5) councilors, one of whom shall be the Chair, to be elected internally by the council. All five (5) councilors shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Assembly by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority. No councilor of the Judicial Council shall serve as a member of the Assembly or the Executive Committee, but shall be granted the right to claim membership within these bodies. Councilors shall serve until graduation, impeachment, or resignation. Councilors are required to attend all retreats, one Assembly meeting per month, State of the Assembly, and Spring Organizational meetings. Any member of the Judicial Council is barred from resigning office and running for an elected position in the Assembly within the same semester.

The Chair of the Judicial Council shall preside over all meetings of the Judicial Council and shall serve as chair of the Election Commission. The Chair of the Judicial Council shall represent the Judicial Council to the Executive Board as a non-voting ex-officio member, chair over impeachment proceedings, and administer all oaths of office.

Article V: Elections

Section 1 Spring and Fall Elections

Part A. Spring Elections

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of RUSA shall be directly elected in the Spring by the undergraduate students of Rutgers New Brunswick & Piscataway. All SAS Senate and Class Representatives, except for First-Year Representatives, and Professional School Representatives shall also be directly elected in the Spring by the undergraduate students of Rutgers New Brunswick & Piscataway. All Spring elections shall be in accordance with all eligibility requirements enumerated in this Constitution and election guidelines.

Part B. Fall Elections

All Residential Area Representatives and First-Year SAS Class Representatives shall be elected in the Fall by the undergraduate students of Rutgers New Brunswick & Piscataway in

accordance with all eligibility requirements enumerated in this constitution and election guidelines. All seats shall be elected as outlined in the Elections Code.

Section 2 Eligibility

Eligible candidacy shall be open to all undergraduate Rutgers University undergraduate students and must comply with federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, marital status, civil union status, domestic partnership status, military service, political affiliation, and veteran status, and any other category protected by law. Students that do not successfully attain a seat in the Assembly through the election process shall not be prohibited from participating in any open meeting.

All undergraduate students enrolled in a professional school may vote and run for office in their respective Professional School Council or seats preserved for their constituencies in the Assembly.

Eligibility for School of Arts and Sciences Class Representative seats shall be based on credits earned correlating with University definitions of class year.

No member of the Assembly may serve in more than one externally elected position or more than one voting position in the Assembly. A member of the Assembly accepting appointment to a voting position in the Assembly shall immediately cause the member to vacate that member's previous position. Only students enrolled in their respective schools shall vote for their respective school senators and representatives. Only students who reside on a particular campus may vote for the RUSA Representatives of that campus. Only students who do not live on campus may vote for Off-Campus Representatives.

If an elected student switches campus or school during his or her term, he or she has the option of finishing the remainder of the term in his or her original position. In the event a seat becomes vacant, an Appointment Committee shall be formed to nominate and fill the vacant seats.

Section 3 Election Commission

The Election Commission shall administer Fall and Spring elections for The Assembly. Professional School Councils and Residential College Councils may administer elections in conjunction with the Election Commission. Professional School Councils and

Residential College Councils may independently administer any additional elections to fill vacancies throughout the year. The formation of the Election Commission shall be outlined within the Elections Code.

Section 4 Election Guidelines

The Election Commission shall create a standard set of Elections Guidelines in the period preceding an upcoming election. This set of Guidelines, and any other binding regulations or rules created by the Commission, must be approved by the Assembly. If a seat is left open during the Spring elections, it shall be put up for election in the Fall; if it remains open after the Fall elections, refer to the vacancy appointment method in Article II, Section 4, Part C. The Elections Guidelines may establish the elections timeline, the methods of voting and registering as a candidate, and all other general rules concerning elections.

Section 5 Internal Elections

Each caucus and committee shall have an internally elected Chair. The Chair of each Caucus and Assembly Committee shall have been an elected member or an active participant of student government for at least one semester prior to his or her candidacy.

Article VI: Allocations Board

Section 1 Purpose of The Assembly Allocations Board

The Allocations Board shall be the primary allocating board that distributes funding each semester to organizations registered with The Assembly. It shall have auditing power over these organizations, and it shall allocate funds for special events to these organizations. Additionally, the Allocations Board shall have the authority to oversee the usage of all student activities fee money.

The Assembly Allocations Board shall allocate funds to any registered student organization at Rutgers University or any special event fulfilling special event status.

The total budget prepared by the Allocations Board shall be submitted to The Assembly for approval. Once approved, the groups shall be notified within one week of their total allocation for the following semester.

Section 2 Allocations Board Membership

The Assembly Allocations Board shall consist of the following voting members: a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, an Auditor, a Treasurer of the Board, five additional membership positions, and the Treasurer of the Assembly who shall serve as a member ex officio. At least two members must be students enrolled in a professional school, and at least two must be students enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences. A selection board consisting of a staff or faculty advisor, the current Chair of the Allocations Board, at least one member of the Assembly, and other positions set forth by the Assembly shall nominate students to the board, subject to Assembly confirmation.

If an Assembly Representative is selected to be an officer of the Allocations Board, other than the Treasurer of the Assembly, then the Assembly position shall be vacated. The Chair of the Allocations Board may not serve as an executive member of another student organization. Members of the Allocations Board, who are also members of another student organization, shall recuse themselves from discussing or voting upon that organization's budget. All members of the Allocations Board shall meet the same membership requirements as members of the Assembly.

Section 3 Allocations Rules & Guidelines

The Assembly Allocations Board shall create a Funding Rules & Guidelines document to facilitate the allocation of student fees to registered student organizations affiliated with the Assembly. These Allocations Rules & Guidelines, and any amendments to them, shall be approved by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the Assembly before taking effect. The Assembly may enact rules governing the allocation, disbursement, and rescission of funds disbursed to student organizations by the Allocations Board.

Section 4 Professional School Allocations

The RUSA Allocation Board shall receive 100% of the student fees collected from the professional students. Afterwards, professional student governments shall be funded by the procedure determined by the Assembly. Student organizations may choose to be administered and receive allocations from either the RUSA Allocations Board or a Professional School Council's funding board, recognizing the funding originated from RUSA authority. Organizations may not change their affiliation more than once per academic year, and cannot be directly administered by both the RUSA Allocations Board and a Professional School Council's funding board.

Each professional school organization must register with Rutgers University through the Rutgers online registration process.

One hundred percent (100%) of student fees collected from the graduate students of School 31, the School of Pharmacy, shall be decided by RUSA and the Pharmacy Student Government. (The members of School 31 are students within their last two years of the Pharmacy program)

Article VII. Standing Rules

Section 1 Establishment of Standing Rules

RUSA shall establish a document of Standing Rules to facilitate its operations. The Standing Rules shall function as an extension of this Constitution. All Standing Rules must be consistent with this Constitution and, where discrepancies exist, this Constitution shall take precedence.

Section 2 Amending the Standing Rules

A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Assembly members present shall be required to approve and amend Standing Rules. Any member may submit an amendment to the Standing Rules. Amendments may be submitted in writing to the authorized committee, which may prepare the amendment for the Executive Board to review prior to a vote by the Assembly.

Article VIII. Constitutional Amendments

Section 1 Amendment Procedure

Any member of The Assembly may submit an amendment to this constitution. Amendments must be submitted in writing to the authorized committee, which may prepare the amendment for the Executive Board.

Two percent (2%) or more of the total combined number of undergraduate Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway students, as determined by the Office of the New Brunswick Registrar, may propose amendments to this Constitution via petition.

The petition must be certified by the authorized committee and may then be submitted to the students in the manner provided in Article IX.

Article IX. Referendums and Ratification

Section 1 Structure of Referendum

The referendum is the highest decision-making instrument available to Rutgers University students. It must be used to raise or lower student activity fees or any fee assessed to support student organizations recognized by RUSA. A majority vote shall decide a referendum question and may only be overturned by a subsequent referendum in the same manner. Referendum questions must be explicitly written and, once approved by The Assembly, shall not be revised in any way. No referendum results shall be construed to limit the functions of any organ of The Assembly except when explicitly stated in the referendum question. The referendum shall be administered and validated by the Election Commission. This commission shall determine rules and regulations for conducting the referendum. All rules and regulations must be approved by The Assembly. Any referendum concerning The Assembly that is not administered by the Election Commission shall be null and void.

Section 2 Procedure of the Referendum

For a referendum to be valid, ten percent (10%) or more of the total combined number of undergraduate Rutgers New Brunswick students as determined by the Office of the New Brunswick Registrar must participate in the voting. A majority vote is required to pass a referendum. A referendum question shall be placed on the ballot if two-thirds (2/3) of the Assembly members present approve it to be, or if at least two percent (2%) of the total number of undergraduate Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway students petition RUSA for such. The referendum question must be held no later than fourteen (14) school days after the Assembly approves it, unless The Assembly decides to extend that deadline by a 2/3-majority vote.

Section 3 Ratification of the Constitution of Rutgers University Student Assembly

Ratification of this Constitution requires ratification by the undergraduate student body of Rutgers New Brunswick/Piscataway, as shall any subsequent amendments thereto, which shall be conducted by referendum. Upon ratification, Constitutional amendments shall immediately become effective, unless the referendum question specifies otherwise.



Transition Document of RUSA

- 100.1** This Document shall be in effect during the Interim Period of the 14th Assembly.
- 100.2** Unless specified in this transition document, most of the New Constitution passed will not be in effect until the Assembly has ratified the New Standing Rules detailing the changes of the new constitution.
- 100.3** All governing documents changes must be done and ratified by the end of the 14th Assembly unless the Assembly voted by $\frac{2}{3}$ to extend the deadline.
- 100.4 Definitions:**
- a. 14th Assembly: the RUSA elected from 2020-2021, with Nicholas F. LaBelle as the Student Body President and Arielle Dublin as the Student Body Vice President.
 - b. Old Constitution: The Constitution that was in effect from 2018-2020
 - c. New Constitution: The Constitution that is ratified in the Fall 2020 Referendum
 - d. New Standing Rule: The Standing Rule that's ratified by the Assembly after the passage of the New Constitution.
 - e. Interim Period: The Time Period between the Fall 2020 Referendum and the dissolution of the 14th Assembly.
- 100.5 The Assembly**
- a. All representatives elected in Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 will continue to have their voting power in the Assembly until the dissolution of the 14th Assembly.
 - b. The current 5 caucuses, Cook, Douglass, Busch, Livingston, College Ave, and Off-Campus, shall operate as the old constitution. Caucus Chair shall retain all

power, including appointing people vacancies, granted by the old constitution until the passage of New Standing Rules

- c. All current committees will continue operating and the committee chairs shall continue to execute their powers according to Section 100.2
- d. The 14th Assembly shall retain its power as granted in the old constitution according to Section 100.2.

100.6 Executive Committee

- a. Even with Section 100.2, the President shall not gain the power to veto legislation nor shall the Vice President Chair the Assembly until the end of the 14th Assembly and the swearing in of the 15th Assembly.
- b. All programs, departments, and officers of the 14th Assembly shall continue their duties and responsibilities according to Section 100.2
- c. In the case of vacancies in the presidency, the Vice President shall replace the former President and the new President shall nominate a new Vice President to be approved by the Assembly. If the seats of Vice President or Treasurer is vacant, the President must nominate a new Vice President or Treasurer to be approved by the Assembly.

100.7 The Judicial System

- a. The Parliamentarian shall have the full power to interpret all governing documents, including this transition document, until the formation of the Judicial Council, as defined under Section 100.7(c).
- b. Upon the ratification of the new Constitution, the President shall immediately start searching for candidates of the Judicial Council to be nominated to the new Council.
- c. The Judicial Council may not execute any powers granted by the New Constitution until the initial ratification of the new Standing Rules are approved, the councilors are confirmed by the Assembly, the Chair is elected, and the Judicial Council By-Laws are approved by the Council.

100.8 Ratification of New Standing Rules

- a. The New Standing Rules shall be drafted by the 14th Assembly's Internal Affairs

Committee, and submitted by the committee.

- b. The New Standing Rule must be ratified by at least two-thirds [2/3] the voting members of the 14th Assembly

100.9 Allocations

- a. Article VI as written in the New Constitution shall take effect immediately upon ratification.

100.10 Spring 2021 Election

- a. At the latest, the Permanent Election Code must be in effect by the 3rd regularly scheduled meeting of the Spring Semester of the 14th Assembly unless the Assembly decides to adopt a temporary Election Code to govern Spring 2021 Election.
- b. The Chair of Judicial Council shall serve as the Chair of the Election Commission for the Spring 2021 election, as dictated in New Constitution Article IV. Sec. 2, so long as the Judicial Council has been formed by said time.
- c. In the Spring 2021 Election, as dictated in the Article V Sec. 1(a) of the New Constitution, all SAS Senate and Class Representatives, except for SAS First-Year Representatives, and Professional School Representatives shall be directly elected by the undergraduate students of Rutgers New Brunswick & Piscataway.
- d. Unless the Assembly deems otherwise with a 2/3 vote in this Interim Period, the Spring 2021 President and Vice President election shall be conducted in Instant Run-Off Method.

100.11 Relationship to the New Constitution

- a. While this document is related to the New Constitution it shall not be considered to be a part of the New Constitution for purposes of the official copy and it shall not be necessary to formally amend the New Constitution to remove the transition document upon expiration of the 14th Assembly.