

A Bill for an Act relating to the Midwest Cabinet; Chapter prosperity; the organization of Chapters.

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As the largest JSA State in total area, the Midwest encompasses a geographically diverse set of chapters. While there are many areas where chapters are concentrated in clusters, there are also many chapters that are isolated and far away from the rest of the Midwest. This distance between the majority JSA events have lead to many chapters to weaken and eventually collapse. Coupled with this, is while Chapter Presidents are connected to the Midwest through their CIA agents, the vast majority of other members are, not creating a less unified State. This tendency needs to stop and be reversed if the Midwest is to gedrow and expand.

Many chapters have been established throughout the history of Midwest JSA, but a lot of them are no longer around. The Expansion Department has done a great job at establishing new chapters, but if the same number of chapters that are lost are the same that are established or more, that is not growth but decay and stagnancy. At the current moment there are no protections or systems system in place to help collapsing chapters to directly reverse the path that they are going down. If the Midwest is to grow and become stronger, then the chapters that are headed towards collapse need to be helped.

This bill aims to fix many of these problems that have hindered the Midwest. With the creation of a position within Cabinet to specifically help isolated and collapsing chapters, as well as a series of reforms intended to make it easier and more productive for both Cabinet and all chapters, these trends and problems will be overcome.

Be it enacted by the Midwest State:

Section 1. Short Name.

This act can be called the "Isolated and Collapsing Reform Act" and may be referred to by an acronym of its name.

Section 2. Establishment.

The position of **Isolated and Collapsing Chapter Specialist** shall be created within the Midwest State Cabinet. The position may be referred to as **ICCS** The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall select the ICCS by the same system used for selecting all other members of the Cabinet.

Subsection 2. Authority; duties.

Among any other duties, responsibilities, or tasks deemed proper by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Director of CIA or any other member delegated authority by those listed, and other duties in this Act, the ICCS shall:

(1) Act as the CIA agent for all Chapters that are deemed and defined as Isolated by Section 4.

(2) Work with Isolated Chapters in the planning and execution of Chapter Events, including but not limited to: Chapter Hangouts and Chapter Conferences.

(3) Provide all resources necessary and proper to Isolated Chapters for the purpose of growth and stability, including but not limited to: publicity posters, expansion training, suggestions for chapter social events.

(4) Help Isolated Chapters in the planning and execution of transportation to and from all Conventions and Chapter Conferences that they choose to attend.

(5) Work with Chapter Presidents and all other members deemed appropriate by the Chapter Presidents to educate the Chapter in the history of JSA and the organization of JSA at the National and State levels.

(6) Work with the Department of Activism in the planning and execution of Activism Events, including but not limited to: "Activism One Days" and the "Fight Apathy Campaign", for Isolated Chapters.

(7) Work with the Department of Expansion in the process of creating new chapters in the regions which Isolated Chapters are in.

(8) Work with all other Departments deemed proper for the stability and growth of Isolated Chapters.

(9) Foster a stronger connection between the Midwest State and Isolated Chapters.

(10) Advocate on behalf of Isolated Chapters within the Midwest State and Cabinet.

Subsection 3. Filling of the Position

If no member applies for the position of ICCS through the means of selecting Cabinet members or the member(s) that apply do not meet the criteria needed, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor can appoint any member that they believe has the capabilities to fulfill the roll. If the Governor and Lieutenant Governor decided not to fill the position of ICCS during their terms, they must inform the Governor-Elect and Lieutenant Governor-Elect of the position.

Section 3. Reforms.

All Chapters shall be considered unique and any actions, suggestions, or idea taken by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet regarding a Chapter shall not

necessarily be the same for all other Chapter. The following reforms shall be implemented to each Department specified:

(1) Chapter Internal Affairs: After Spring State and before the Cabinet Convention the Governor-Elect and Lieutenant Governor-Elect shall continue to stay in contact with all Chapter Presidents and Presidents-Elect and pass any information gathered to the new CIA Department.

(2) The Expansion Department: When establishing a chapter the Expansion Department shall keep the provider of the contact involved the process of establishing a chapter; The Expansion Department shall appoint Expansion Liaisons to help in the establishment process from another Chapter in the region; The Expansion Liaisons shall be approved by the Chapter President or an elected member of the Chapter's Cabinet or equivalent.

(3) The Activism Department: The Activism Department shall recognize the political differences between regions and when possible tailor Activism Initiatives to the specific region; The Activism Department shall work closely with a designated representative, approved by the Chapter President or Activism Director or equivalent from each isolated and collapsing chapter to organize initiatives. This can be done through monthly or bi-monthly communications.

Subsection 1. Collapsing Chapters.

The Midwest's goal in dealing with Chapters that are Collapsing shall be returning the Chapter to stability and overall survival. When a Chapter is identified as Collapsing the following actions shall be taken:

(a) The ICCS and the Chapter's CIA Agent shall work together to help the Chapter return to a stable state and continue to grow.

(b) Chapter Presidents shall be given the right to: suspend or rewrite their Chapter Constitution, suspend their Chapter Cabinet or equivalent, and hold new elections for all voted positions, with permission from the Governor, and if applicable, the Chapter's Teacher/Advisor, when deemed imperative to chapter survival. Once a Chapter is no longer designated as Collapsing all suspensions shall be reinstated.

Section 4. Definitions.

The following definitions shall be applied to all chapter which meet such criteria.

Subsection 1. Isolated Chapters

Chapters that meet any of the following criteria shall be designated as an Isolated Chapter

(1) The only tax-paid Chapter within the U.S. state in which they are located.

(2) The next closest Chapter is over 100 miles from the Chapter's school.

(3) Any Chapter that receives approval for the designation from the Governor.

Subsection 2. Collapsing Chapters

Chapters that meet any of the following criteria shall be designated as a Collapsing Chapter:

(1) Fewer than eight (8) members of the Chapter at any time.

(2) When a Chapter President or that chapter's CIA agent requests the status and receives approval from either the Director of the CIA, the Governor or any Midwest Cabinet member delegated the responsibility by the Governor.

(3) When after Spring State and before the start of that Chapter's school year, the former Chapter President or Chapter President-Elect requests the status and receives approval from the Governor-Elect or any person delegated the responsibility by the Governor-Elect.

Subsection 3. Removal of Designations

When mutually agreed upon by the Chapter Presidents, the Director of the CIA, and the Governor or any member designation the responsibility by the Governor and with advice from the ICCS, the Chapter designated as Isolated or Collapsing shall lose the designation.

Section 5. Rights and Protections for Chapters

The Chapter President shall have total discretion on all initiatives and ideas proposed by the ICCS or any Cabinet members regarding this Act. No sanctions or penalty shall be given to any Chapter due to its being labeled Isolated or Collapsing. Any Chapter member from an Isolated or Collapsing Chapter shall be treated equally to all other members of the Midwest State.

Section 6. Implementation

Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 shall be implemented immediately upon the approval by the Governor. Section 2, shall be implemented during the next Cabinet selection