

# TISL

Imagine yourself in the 160-year-old legislative chambers of the State Capitol discussing and negotiating with other college students as you consider the future of Tennessee.

Sponsors drafted bills, guided them through standing committees and onto the floor.

You're listening to debate, considering amendments, making motions and voting ... with the electronic voting system used by the Tennessee General Assembly.

The final tally flashes onto the board, and your vote is decisive.

Soon a top public official will arrive to address a joint session and answer your questions.

Later, election excitement is in the air as your fellow delegates — and perhaps you — compete to be officers on next year's Executive Council.

TISL ... four days that will last the rest of your life.

## ATURE TENNESSEE INTERCOLLEGIATE STATE LEGISLATURE TENNESSEE

TISL was founded in 1966 by Tennessee college students to provide a forum for debating issues and learning about state government.

Legislation adding students to the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees originated in TISL.



Mandatory child safety seats and the concept of the Tennessee Governor's Schools passed TISL before they were considered by the Tennessee Legislature.

TISL began when Dr. Douglas Carlisle, a professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, told students at UTK about the North Carolina Student Legislature, and the idea spread

from there.

The first Governor was Phillip Moffitt of UTK, who was later editor of *Esquire* magazine. Over the decades, the ranks of TISL officers have reflected the broad diversity of Tennessee colleges and universities.

The non-partisan TISL Senate and House of Representatives meet in the chambers of the Tennessee General Assembly on the second floor of the State Capitol in Nashville.

Each college has one Senator, and the House of Representatives is apportioned according to college enrollment.

Rules and procedures are based on the Legislature and on Robert's Rules of Order.

Delegates elect officers who meet during the year as the Executive Council to manage and plan for the next TISL General Assembly.

Outside speakers address top state issues and answer delegates' questions. Governors, U.S. Senators, mayors and legislators have addressed TISL during its history.

After the General Assembly, the Executive Council selects the best bills passed by TISL to present to the Tennessee General Assembly as Priority Legislation. TISL bills have been on the leading edge of change, and the substance of many of them has been subsequently enacted into law.

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### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2007-08

*Elected by a Joint Session of the Senate and House*

**Governor** Ken Taylor, University of Memphis

**Secretary of State** Travis Lockner, East Tennessee State University

*Elected by the Senate*

**Lieutenant Governor** Micah Roeder, Union University

**Speaker Pro Tem** Tristan Wilkerson, University of Memphis

*Elected by the House of Representatives*

**Speaker** Deedrick Jeffries, Lambuth University

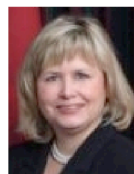
**Speaker Pro Tem** Shannon Hayes, University of Memphis

*Elected by the Supreme Court*

**Attorney General** Thomas Goering, University of Memphis

*Appointed by the Governor*

**State Treasurer** Chris Drew, Austin Peay State University



Chumney



Overbey



Mason

### ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

Jeff Bivins, Tennessee Circuit Court Judge

Todd Burnett\*, Fentress County General Sessions Judge

Carol Chumney, former Memphis City Councilwoman and former State Representative

Frank Clement Jr.\*, Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge

Mark Goins, former State Representative

Tré Hargett\*, Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
Dwight Henry, former State Representative and nominee for Governor

Russell Humphrey\*, Chief Clerk of the Tennessee Senate

Roy Herron\*, State Senator

Mike Kernell, State Representative

Holly Kirby, Tennessee Court of Appeals Judge

David Lillard Jr.\*, Shelby County Commissioner

Ron Lollar, State Representative

Mike Magill, former Commissioner of Labor

David Mason\*, Missouri Circuit Court Judge

Doug Overbey, State Representative

Gregg Sullivan, Assistant U.S. Attorney

\* Former TISL Governor

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