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STUDENT SENATE

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A BILL

TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 5 AND 6 OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE, AND OTHER REFERENCES, TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES TO ATTEND AN ENTIRE MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE PRIOR TO THE ELECTION ITSELF.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, MANY CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE HAVE NEVER EVEN ATTENDED A MEETING OF STUDENT SENATE, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, MANY OF THESE CANDIDATES DO NOT HAVE A PROPER APPRECIATION OF THE QUALITY OF WORK OR TIME COMMITMENT NECESSARY TO SERVE IN THE STUDENT SENATE, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THE SENATE HAS SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE FULLY ANTICIPATED THE COMMITMENT THEY WERE MAKING BY RUNNING FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, IT IS USEFUL FOR THE SENATE TO BE MADE UP OF PEOPLE THAT ARE EDUCATED IN ITS PRACTICES.

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE III SECTION 5 OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 5. MANDATORY MEETING ATTENDANCE

A. DURING THE FORTY-TWO (42) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, BUT PRIOR TO ABSENTEE VOTING, EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SENATE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE ENTIRE MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE. THEY SHALL SIGN IN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING AND OUT AT THE END WITH THE SPEAKER OR HIS/HER APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE. THERE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TIME AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE MEETING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THOSE CANDIDATES MAY HAVE ABOUT THE STUDENT SENATE.

IN THE EVENT THAT CANDIDATES ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A REGULAR MEETING OF THE STUDENT SENATE, THE SPEAKER SHALL SPECIFY THROUGH THE

COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS AN ALTERNATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE CANDIDATE TO ATTEND.

B. A COPY OF THE ELECTION CODE SHALL BE GIVEN TO PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES AT THE TIME OF FILING. ALL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CODE SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS.

FURTHERMORE, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, SUBSECTION D IS REPEALED, WITH THE SUBSEQUENT SUBSECTIONS RELETTERED ACCORDINGLY. ANY OTHER MENTION OF "INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS" THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT ARE NULL AND VOID.

PARAGRAPH 6: THIS LEGISLATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT TWO (2) SEMESTERS, EXCLUDING SUMMERS, FOLLOWING PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

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