Eligibility for Elections Bill

Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill

“A bill requesting that to be eligible to run in Senate elections, that the candidate in question is committed to attending Texas A&M the following semester after the election.”

Whereas(1): Under the Senate By-Laws Constitutional Compliance Audit Bill or (S.B. 64-84) a Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill passed on March 21, 2012,

Whereas(2): Specifically in IV. Vacancy Avoidance under Article III, Section VI

Whereas(3): (b) No student shall be sworn in as a senator who has applied for graduation in the same semester in which they filed for election. If a Senator-elect is ineligible under this rule, the next eligible candidate who received the highest amount of votes in that caucus shall be sworn in instead. This rule shall not apply to those students who have been accepted to or have applied to and are awaiting a decision on additional schooling at Texas A&M University in their caucus in the following regular semester; those students must sign a statement under penalty of the Aggie Honor Code that they have applied to or been accepted to additional schooling at A&M in the following semester and have not accepted any other offers.

Whereas(4): Under our current system it is still possible for an individual to contest for a Senate seat and win, vacating their position in the fall due to loopholes in this By-Law.
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): That we close the loopholes and decrease the number of vacancies in the fall by amending the current By-Law as such,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(2): (b) No student shall be sworn in as a senator who has applied for graduation and not been accepted in the same semester in which they filed for election. If a Senator-elect is ineligible under this rule, the next eligible candidate who received the highest amount of votes in that caucus shall be sworn in instead. This rule shall not apply to those students who have been accepted for additional schooling at Texas A&M University in their caucus in the following regular semester; those students must sign a statement under penalty of the Aggie Honor Code that they have been accepted to additional schooling at A&M in the following semester and have not accepted any other offers.