

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 66-15

The Student Senate 66th Session Texas A&M University

Introduced By:

Senator Matt Valentin, Liberal Arts

Senator Chris Woolsey, Off Campus

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Christopher W. Russo Speaker of the Senate

The Voice of the People Bill Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill

"A bill to establish the voice vote as standard operating procedure in the event of electronic vote malfunctions."

Whereas (1): The Texas A&M Student Senate has an obligation to the Student Body to be as efficient as possible; and,

Whereas(2): The Electronic voting system used by the Texas A&M Student Senate is often off-line and requires tedious recalibrations every now and then; and,

Whereas(3): Using a roll-call vote or a ballot vote would require a large amount of time and these options are only typically used during important votes such as officer elections; and,

Whereas(4): A voice vote is often the only method used during senate general meetings and require a simple vote every time we intend to use this style of voting. This necessary vote cuts out valuable time that could be best used in other ways to support the student body; and,

Whereas(5):. Article VIII, Section V (a, 2) of the Student Government Association Code reads "Electronic Voting (when clickers are operating properly) shall be considered Standard Operating Procedure on all Bills and normal voting practices with the exception of officer elections. When clickers cannot be used a roll call vote shall at that time be Standard Operating Procedure . . . ".



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Further Certified By:

Christopher W. Russo Speaker of the Senate

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): The Student Government Association Code Senate By-Laws shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. MEETING PROCEDURE

SECTION V.

Voting Procedures

(a)

(2) "Electronic Voting (when clickers are operating properly) shall be considered Standard Operating Procedure on all Bills and normal voting practices with the exception of officer elections. When clickers cannot be used a roll-eall voice vote shall at that time be Standard Operating Procedure."