Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
72nd Session

Senator Sponsorship Reform Act

"An act to increase the number of Student Senator sponsors and better organize the legislation template."

Action Taken: PASSED

Certified By: Eric Mendoza
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 10/30/2019

Duly Approved: [Signature]
Student Body President

Introduced By: Suyash Gupta, Executive Director of Operations, Off Campus Caucus
Hunter Martin, Director of Records, Off Campus Caucus

Sponsored By: Samuel Jefferis, Engineering Caucus
John Ryan Rodriguez, Legislative Affairs Chair, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Caucus
Collin Tran, Off-Campus Caucus
Jonathan Resendez, Engineering Caucus
Lindsey Uhlik, Off-Campus Caucus
Mariana Montes, Liberal Arts Caucus
Dang Dang, Off Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): The demand for sponsoring legislation as presented in the Texas A&M Student Senate has increased due to the frequency of bills and resolutions that are of importance to many senators; and,
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Whereas(2): According to Article VI. Legislation, Section V. (c), of the Student Government Association Code currently reads: "(c) The total number of Authors and Sponsors on any piece of legislation shall not exceed fifteen (15). If desired a petition including names, signatures, titles, and demographic information of additional supporters who are students may be attached to any piece of legislation"; and,

Whereas(3): We have ignored this in the past due to the vague wording of the statute.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): Student Senators are encouraged to sponsor legislation they exhibit passion for; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted (2): Article VI: Legislation, Section V. (c). be
"(c) The number of Authors and Sponsors on the title page of any piece of legislation shall not exceed ten (10). If desired, an addendum of additional sponsors may be attached to any piece of legislation. Such an addendum may also include the signatures of the legislative sponsors, should that be desired by the sponsor"; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(3): Article VI: Legislation, Section V. (d). be
"(d) Legislative Authors will have speaking privileges for the entire consideration of the bill, but only Senators may participate in periods of debate. The Legislative Authors will also retain the privilege to set which sponsors are included on the title page so long as they set those individuals before the legislation is passed. Sponsors added by an amendment must be added in the order in which their request to sponsor is received by the Chair."; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted (4): An addendum page be added as the final page of the Bill and Resolution templates; and,
Let it be
Further
Enacted(5): A copy of this bill be sent to:
Evan Berger, Rules and Regulations Chair
Connor Hull, Speaker Pro-Tempore