S.B. 72-06

## 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 Taker

PASSED

Certified By

Eric Mendoza

Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 10/30/2019

Duly Approved:

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,

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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