



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-50

**The Student Senate  
64th Session  
Texas A&M University**

**Introduced By:** Senator Chris Esparza, Off Campus  
Senator Cody Vasut, Off Campus  
Senator Matt Van Dine, Off Campus  
Senator Cody Davis, Off Campus

**Action Taken** Passed  
November 16, 2011

**Certified By:** Tanner Wilson  
Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:** Jeff Pickering 11-23-11  
Jeff Pickering 11-23-11  
Student Body President

**Voter Initiative Act  
Special Designation: Act of the Senate**

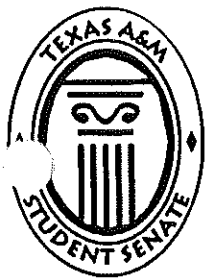
*"An act ensuring that all future student body president's work with the Office of New Student Programs in registering new students to vote in Aggieland."*

**Whereas(1):** The Student Government Association (hereinafter referred to as "SGA") at Texas A&M University continually seeks new opportunities for members of the student body to register to vote and encourages those students to take part in upcoming elections; and,

**Whereas(2):** In past local, state and federal elections, the student body has severely lacked a prominent role in the electoral process; and,

**Whereas(3):** It is always important for students to exercise their democratic right to vote and there is a great need for an effective student voter registration drive in the form of a Gig the Vote Campaign; and,

**Whereas(4):** Between May and August, the Texas A&M New Student Conference (NSC) program, coordinated through the Office of New Student Programs, brings an influx of new students to College Station who will hopefully establish residency long enough to vote in a political election; and,



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**Whereas(5):** A large opportunity presents itself to increase the number of students at Texas A&M registered to vote in Brazos County; and,

**Whereas(6):** New students tend to receive a large amount of information in the form of flyers, handouts and pamphlets that during this process that they keep up with in the form of informational bags.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** That Title V Chapter 904 Article II of the Student Government Association Code be added to read as follows:

## TITLE V – THE STATUTES OF THE SENATE

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### CHAPTER 904 – LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS POLICIES AND PROPOSALS

*Created by S.B. 64-14, Amended by S.B. 64-50*

Revised Month Day, Year

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### ARTICLE II. THE VOTER INITIATIVE ACT

#### SECTION I. Legislative Intent of this Particular Article

- (a) The Student Senate intends this Act to set forth guidelines for establishing a relationship between the Student Government Association and the Office of New Student Programs for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating voter registration at all new student conferences.

#### SECTION II. Definitions

- (a) For the purposes of this Article, the following words shall be ascribed the following meanings:
- (1) “New Student Conference” shall be defined as any and all conferences held by the Office of New Student Programs.
  - (2) “Informatinoal Bag” shall be defined as any packet or package distributed to student attendees at any and all conferences held by the Office of New Student Programs.
  - (3) “Legislative Relations Cabinet Member” shall be defined as the member of the executive cabinet or executive branch commissioner, designated to



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consider legislative relations issues on behalf of the executive branch, or the Student Body President, should no such individual exist.

## SECTION III. The Voter Initiative Policy and Proposal

- (a) It shall be the official policy of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Texas A&M University, that the Office of New Student Programs should place Brazos County Voter Registration Cards into the information bags at all new student conferences.
- (1) The term “register to vote” should be listed on all new student conference schedules under the list of optional activities.
- (2) The Office of New Student Programs should also ensure that all new student conference campus maps clearly indicate United States Postal Service mailbox locations where voter registration cards can be mailed.

## SECTION IV. Execution of this Particular Article

- (a) The Legislative Relations Cabinet Member, the Student Body President, or a designee on behalf of either individual, shall stress the importance of registering to vote in Brazos County at any and all new student conference presentations.
- (b) The Student Body President, or the Legislative Relations Cabinet Member, shall faithfully execute the policies described in Section III, and shall report to the Student Senate annually during the month of September on the status of the execution of the policies contained in Section III.
- (c) The Student Body President, or the Legislative Relations Cabinet Member, shall also, at minimum, forward the policies described in Section III annually, and in written summary form, during the month of March to Meredith Malnar, Program Coordinator in the Office of New Student Programs, or the current director in charge of the Office of New Student Programs.