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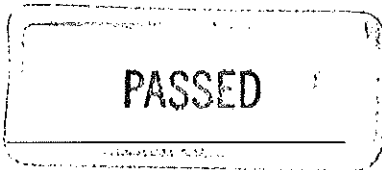
S.B. 73-02

Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
73rd Session

Summer Cleaning Omnibus Act

"An act to clean up the SGA Code and define an act."

Action Taken



Certified By:

Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed:

9-16-2020

Duly Approved:

Eric Mendoza
Student Body President

Introduced By: Meghan Hein, Rules & Regulations Chair, C.O.A.L.S Caucus

Sponsored By: Clayton Elbel, Off-Campus Caucus
Garrett Lindsay, TAPS Caucus
Sam Jefferis, Academic Affairs Chair, Engineering Caucus
Wyatt Harlan, Off-Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): There are many inconsistencies within the SGA Code, and we should strive to keep the Code as up-to-date and cohesive as possible; and

Whereas(2): Title 6 titled "The Agreements of the Student Body President", no longer exists as it was repealed by S.B. 70-29; and,

Whereas(3): The differences between a bill and an act are not clearly stated in the Code; and,

Whereas(4): "Renewed Bills" have not been utilized in the Senate Body in the recent sessions; and



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Whereas(5): There is no formal definition distinguishing an act from a bill.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): I S.G.A.C. §001.3(2).f be removed from the Code; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2): III S.G.A.C. §001.6(1).h.1 be amended to read as the following:

(1) Bills: A bill is a binding statement of the Senate calling for a specific action in its implementation. A bill requires a majority vote of the members present and voting. A bill must be presented to the Senate for the first reading and may be voted on only upon its second reading unless it is considered emergency legislation. A bill's first reading shall consist of a presentation and a period of questions and answers only, with no debate except in the case of emergency legislation as outlined above. At the conclusion of a bill's first reading, the Speaker of the Senate shall assign the bill to the appropriate legislative committee as outlined in Article VII, Section I, Subsection (e) of the Senate Bylaws. Each bill must pass through this committee process before being brought to the floor for a second reading unless a motion to take the bill from committee to the floor as outlined in Article VII Section II is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate. A bill must be in its finalized form when it comes up for a first reading. All changes made between the first and second reading of a bill must be highlighted on the document when it is sent out to the Senators and when it is brought to the floor for the second reading. During the second reading, the bill author(s) must read the bill in its entirety and also accentuate to the body the changes made in his or her presentation since the first reading. The markings signifying changes will be removed once the bill is passed or failed for archiving purposes. Bills will only be enacted and enforced in which the session it was passed.; and,



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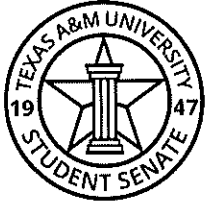
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Further

Enacted(3): III S.G.A.C. §001.6(1).h.2 be amended to read:

(1) ~~Renewed Bills: a renewed bill is exactly the same as a standard enacted bill. To create one, any Senator or Senators who wish to renew a bill must inform the Speaker of their intention by the same deadline at which new legislation to be read at the following meeting is due. The motion to renew will be placed on the agenda for that meeting and treated as the second reading of that bill. The main motion to be considered at that time will be a bill exactly the same as the old bill except as follows: the authors will remain the same; the sponsors will be replaced by the Senators who ask for the bill to be renewed; the bill will have a subtitle of "Special Designation: Renewed Bill;" and the bill number will be that of the original bill followed by an "RX", where X is the number of the session in which the bill is being renewed. This new bill may only be amended formally by a majority vote of those present at the meeting. The bill requires a majority vote to pass. A renewed bill may not itself be renewed, nor may a renewed bill be sent to committee.~~

Acts: An act is similar to a standard bill, except the action implemented will be permanent until repealed or removed by another act or bill. Acts may only be written to alter the Student Government Association Code. An act's first reading shall consist of a presentation and a period of questions and answers only, with no debate. After the first reading, the act will be sent to the committee in which the Speaker deems most appropriate. Each bill must pass through this committee process before being brought to the floor for a second reading unless a motion to take the bill from committee to the floor as outlined in Article VII Section II is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate. All changes made between the first and second reading of a bill must be highlighted on the document when it is sent out to the Senators and when it is brought to the floor for the second reading. During an act's second reading, the bill author(s) must read the bill in its entirety and also accentuate to the body the changes made in his or her presentation since the first reading. An act may only be voted on after its second reading. The markings signifying changes will be removed once the bill is passed or failed for archiving purposes.; and,



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary McCue".

Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Let it be

Further

Enacted(4): The title of an act shall be "S.A." and a bill "S.B."

Let it be

Further

Enacted(5): A copy of this bill be sent to:
Meghan Hein, Rules and Regulations Chair