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Senate Vote Keeping Transparency Act

Whereas, the Students of the University of Houston deserve to know how their designated elected and appointed representatives vote on issues of academic and student life on campus; and

Whereas, the elected and appointed student representatives of the University of Houston Student Government Association by taking recorded and published votes enable their constituents to know how they vote on certain measures.

Therefore be it enacted by the 54th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

The following section of Title II, Article 3, Section 1, Clause 7 of the University of Houston Student Government Association Bylaw be amended to read:

“The result of final votes on any Student Government Association Bills, University Bills, Referendums, Constitutional Amendment Proposals and Resolutions shall be recorded through the process of a roll call vote and put into the Senate minutes. The roll call shall consist of every Senator’s name and vote being recorded after the Clerk of the Senate calls it. If the Presiding Officer’s vote is needed it shall be recorded as well. Senate votes on appointments and nominations of any kind shall not be recorded through the process of a roll call, but merely a numerical recording of the votes shall be included in the Senate minutes for record keeping purposes. The Speaker in consultation with the Clerk of the Senate shall determine the specific format for the record keeping of the roll call vote.

Further it be enacted that the 54th Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston shall amend the following Bylaw changes listed above to ensure the students have the ability to know how their elected or appointed representatives vote on all legislative matters concerning the Student Government Association of the University of Houston.

Further be it enacted, the following section of the University of Houston Student Government Association Bylaw Title II, Article 3, Section 1, Clause 10 be amended to read: “Any member of the Senate may include an explanation of his/her vote in the Senate minutes. A short explanation must be turned into the Speaker prior to the minutes being approved by the Senate. In such cases, the Speaker shall instruct the Clerk of the Senate to record it in the Senate minutes.”



