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STUDENT SENATE
F17RS
SGB No. 4
BY: SENATOR JORDAN LANDRY

ENROLLED

A BILL

**TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE
EFFECTIVE DATE OF STUDENT SENATE APPORTIONMENT**

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, ARTICLE III, SECTION 5(C) OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION STATES THAT A STUDENT SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT “SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE CALL TO ORDER OF THE STUDENT SENATE FALL ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION”; AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THIS LAG BETWEEN PASSAGE OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT AND ITS EFFECTIVE DATE HAS NOT BEEN ENFORCED IN RECENT YEARS, AND ENFORCING IT WOULD RESULT IN FALL ELECTION SENATORS BEING ELECTED ON AN APPORTIONMENT MORE THAN A YEAR OUT OF DATE WHEN A NEW APPORTIONMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED; AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THIS PROVISION, COMBINED WITH ARTICLE X, SECTION 4(B) OF THE ELECTION CODE, WHICH PLACES ADDED FALL SEATS ON THE SPRING ELECTION BALLOT AS HALF SEATS, OVERLY COMPLICATES APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTION PROCESSES; AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, FOR THE REASONS MENTIONED ABOVE, IT WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL FOR THE CONSTITUTION TO BE AMENDED TO MATCH RECENT PRACTICE THAN TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROVISION AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN; AND

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 5(C) OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

“APPORTIONMENT SHALL BE BASED ON THE OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR THAT PARTICULAR FALL SEMESTER. THIS APPORTIONMENT SHALL BE PERFORMED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE STUDENT SENATE, AND MUST BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE STUDENT SENATE. THIS APPORTIONMENT SHALL ~~BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE CALL TO ORDER OF THE STUDENT SENATE FALL ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION;~~ **BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD THAT FALL SEMESTER.**”

PARAGRAPH 6: BE IT RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS BILL BE TRANSMITTED TO LUKE FRUGE, COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS; MICHELLE LOWERY, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ADVISOR; AND JASON BADEAUX, STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

PARAGRAPH 7: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE CALL TO ORDER OF THE FALL 2017 ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOLLOWING PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, FOLLOWING SUCH APPROVAL; PROVIDED THAT IT IS RATIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS VOTING IN A REFERENDUM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1 OF THE STUDENT BODY CONSTITUTION.

APPROVED:

JAMES J. MICKLER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

DATE: _____

JASON J. BADEAUX
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

DATE: _____