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STUDENT SENATE

S06RS

SGB No. 5

BY: SENATOR BERGERON, SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE ANDERSON, SENATORS
HATTAWAY AND ROBERTSON, AND SPEAKER STAPLES

A BILL

TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 8 OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE RULES OF
ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR INSTITUTION OF ELECTRONIC VOTING FOR SENATE
PROCEEDINGS; TO PROVIDE RULES FOR SAID VOTING; TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED
MATTERS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE
UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

PARAGRAPH 1: CHAPTER 8 OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE RULES OF ORDER IS
HEREBY AMENDED AND REENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 8.1 Voting by electronic device; required votes; recording

All votes of the Student Senate shall be taken and recorded by Electronic Voting Response System, herein referred to as EVRS unless a roll call vote is requested. The EVRS shall record each member's vote on each question before the Senate and show this data in a real-time display visible to the entire chamber. Votes must be taken and recorded on the final passage of all legislative instruments, convening and adjourning roll call, quorum calls, and amendments or motions to which there is objection by any Senator. Every vote taken by EVRS shall be recorded in the minutes.

Rule 8.2 Voting; presence; voting for member; recognition

No member may vote another member's EVRS and doing so is an impeachable offense. If for some reason a member is unable to vote his or her EVRS but is present in the chamber, he or she may signal to the Secretary to record his or her vote. The Secretary may only record a member's vote if the vote is recognized by the Speaker or presiding officer.

Rule 8.3 Voting by non-members; prohibition

No person not a member with the right to vote shall cast a vote on any matter before the Senate.

Rule 8.4 Speaker's Vote; ties

The Speaker shall not be required to vote except in the case of a tie.

Rule 8.5 Ties

In the case of a tie vote, a motion, resolution, or bill is deemed to have failed. If the vote is on an election, ties will result in another ballot after further discussion is allowed.

Rule 8.6 Putting the question

When the time comes for disposal of a question before the Senate, the Speaker or presiding officer shall announce the question and the EVRS shall be opened by the Secretary and it shall be used to record the votes of the Senators. The Speaker or presiding officer shall put the question in the following manner: "All those in favor of (question) will vote aye, those opposed will vote nay, and those abstaining will do so.

Mr./Ms. (SIO) will open the machine.” After the Senators have voted, the Speaker or presiding officer will instruct the SIO to close the machine and will announce the vote.

Rule 8.7 Change of vote

No member may change his or her vote once the EVRS has been closed and the vote has been announced by the Speaker or presiding officer.

Rule 8.8 EVRS out of order

In the event the EVRS is out of order, votes shall be taken by roll call with the Secretary calling the name of each Senator alphabetically, and he or she responding aye, nay, or abstain. The Speaker’s name shall always be called last.

Rule 8.9 Abstention

A member may abstain from voting on any motion or legislative instrument on which a vote has been ordered. For the purposes of determining the number of votes required for said question to pass, abstentions shall be treated as if such member did not vote on said instrument, and abstentions shall not be counted in determining the total number of votes on the question but shall be counted in determining if quorum is present.

PARAGRAPH 2: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON 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, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

APPROVED:

BO STAPLES, SPEAKER

DATE

MICHELLE GIEG, PRESIDENT

DATE