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A BILL
TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2(1) OF THE SG CONSTITUTION

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, there are currently seven voting members of the University Court, four who are elected through a campus-wide election and three who are appointed by the Student Government President subject to the approval by a 2/3 vote of the Senate as mandated by the Student Government Constitution, and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, the President may select a student of the LSU Law Center to serve on the court through the appointment process, and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, it would be helpful to have persons with legal training on the University Court as issues of state and federal law go before the court from time to time, and

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, mandating that the Student Government President first consider all applicants who have legal training before considering applicants who have no legal training would achieve this goal, and

PARAGRAPH 5: This change will require an amendment to the Student Government Constitution by a 2/3 vote of the Student Senate and a majority vote of those students voting in the next campus-wide election.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Student Government Senate, that the following referendum be put to the students for a vote on the spring 2006 ballot:

“SHOULD THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED AS IT RELATES TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES TO THE UNIVERSITY COURT TO READ: ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2(1) Three (3) Justices, who shall be students with at least one year of legal training, appointed by the Student Body President with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Senate present and voting. If no students who have one year of legal training apply for the positions on the University Court, than any full-time student shall be considered. _____ Yes ______ No”

PARAGRAPH 7: THIS AMENDMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE BY THE STUDENT BODY IN THE SPRING 2006 ELECTION.