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A BILL

TO AMEND THE RULES OF ORDER TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES TO NAME PROXIES.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, MUCH OF THE SENATE’S WORK IS DONE IN COMMITTEES, AND,

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, WHEN A COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE QUORUM THE BUSINESS OF THE SENATE IS DELAYED FOR AT LEAST A WEEK, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, ALLOWING SENATORS TO NAME THEIR OWN PROXIES TWICE PER SEMESTER FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS WOULD ALLOW THE SENATE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION DUE TO COMMITTEE ABSENCES.

PARAGRAPH 4: THEREFORE, THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE AMENDS THE RULES OF ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

A. RULE 5.13 SECTION B, SUBSECTION 2 TO READ:

ONE HALF ABSENCE SHALL BE ASSESSED A COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO FAILS TO ANSWER IN PERSON WHEN HIS NAME IS CALLED DURING THE ROLL CALL VOTE ON A MOTION TO ADJOURN THAT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IF, AND ONLY IF, SAID MOTION TO ADJOURN IS PASSED. SENATORS REPRESENTED BY PROXY THROUGHOUT THE COMMITTEE MEETING SHALL BE ASSESSED ONLY ONE-HALF (1/2) ABSENCE FOR THAT MEETING.

B. ADD RULE 5.14: PROXY VOTING

Committee members who are unable to attend a meeting shall be allowed to name a single proxy twice per semester, selected from other members of the Student Senate who do not already sit on the same committee as the absent senator, by giving written notification to the committee chair and either the Speaker or the Legislative Secretary. The senator selected as proxy must
ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR THAT HE WILL ATTEND THE MEETING. PROXIES MAY STAND IN FOR ONLY ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER PER COMMITTEE MEETING.

**PARAGRAPH 5:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

**APPROVED**

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JEREMY GRIGGS- SPEAKER        PATRICK McCUNE- PRESIDENT

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