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STUDENT SENATE

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A BILL

TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE LSU AND A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW PART-TIME STUDENTS THE ABILITY TO VOTE IN LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPRING ELECTIONS, ONLY ON THOSE REFERENDA WHICH FINANCIALLY AFFECT PART-TIME STUDENTS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE LSU STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION STATES THAT "NO STUDENT CLASSIFIED BY THE UNIVERSITY AS PART-TIME SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON ANY MATTER, INCLUDING REFERENDA, DURING A STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION," AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, THE LSU STUDENT SENATE BELIEVES THAT THOSE STUDENTS CLASSIFIED AS PART-TIME STUDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON THOSE REFERENDA WHICH WILL FINANCIALLY IMPACT PART-TIME STUDENTS, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, THIS LEGISLATION WILL AFFECT ONLY THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION WHERE PART-TIME STUDENTS ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED.

PARAGRAPH 4: THEREFORE, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED FULL TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONSTITUTION. STUDENTS WHO ARE REGISTERED PART-TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER SHALL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ONLY ON REFERENDA THAT AFFECT THEM FINANCIALLY."

PARAGRAPH 5: THIS BILL SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE BY A THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) VOTE OF THE LSU AND A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT STUDENT SENATE AS PER AMENDED ARTICLE IX, SECTION 1 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION, AS WELL AS BY RATIFICATION BY A MAJORITY OF THE STUDENTS VOTING IN THE SPRING 1998 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS AS PER ARTICLE X, SECTION 1 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION.