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The Solution to Proxies Act

Whereas, the Senate of the Student Government Association exists to serve the students of the University of Houston and fairly represent on behalf of their concerns;

Whereas, the Executive Branch cannot vote on legislative issues brought forward to the Senate of the Student Government Association;

Whereas, allowing unlimited proxies for any one Senator skews the vote in favor of or against a nomination, bill, or resolution, and due to the fact that the non-present Senators may have a different opinion not expressed by the present voting Senator;

Whereas, the present voting members may not be able to accurately express the vote or opinion of the non-present Senators on a nomination, bill, or resolution;

Whereas, a voting body should make fair decisions with equal distribution of ideas in support of or against a nomination, bill, or resolution.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That every Senator be allowed a maximum of one (1) proxy during any regularly scheduled Senate meetings;

Be it further enacted, that every Senator be allowed a maximum of two (2) proxies during any Special Senate meetings;

Be it further enacted, that if a Senator already has one proxy during the regular Senate meeting or two (2) proxies during the special Senate Meeting, they will not be able to accept another proxy and that if they vote as such, the Speaker of the Senate will nullify such vote;

Be it further enacted, that only a current Senator will be able to accept a proxies on behalf of any fellow Senator.

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