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**Increasing Ballot Transparency Act**

**Whereas,** the official ballot for the 2019 Student Government Election did not inform voters how many seats would be available in senatorial contests;

**Whereas,** many voters ranked less candidates than there were seats available in the senatorial contests (i.e. while there were seven (7) College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences seats available, many voters would rank 3–5 candidates);

**Whereas,** the Election Code utilizes a ranked-choice voting system, and it would be beneficial to the voters to know how many candidates can win a Senate seat so they may rank at least that number of candidates.

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

That the Student Government Association Election Code adopts the following change:

Article 5, Section 4 inserts the following new clause 3, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: “Clause 3: The number of seats available in each senatorial contest will be placed on the official ballot.”

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