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Officer Accountability Act

Whereas, The Student Government Senate is an elected body chosen to represent the students at the University of Houston.

Whereas, Secret ballots are a hazard preventing students from knowing how their representatives are representing them.

Whereas, Students have the right to know how their senators are representing them.

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

An official voting record of each senator will be recorded and regularly updated on the University of Houston student government website.

Be it further enacted; Title 1, Article 6, Section 1, Clause 3 read: The election for Speaker of the Senate will consist of an election of all nominated candidates in the first round. Candidates will be given 5 minutes to speak, followed by 3 minutes of Q&A, after which debate and a vote may take place. If no candidate receives a majority vote of Senators present and voting in the first round, a second round will be conducted including only the two nominees who received the most votes in the first round. In the second round, Senators may motion to bring candidates back into the Senate Chamber for a second round of speeches and questions.

Be it further enacted, Title 2, Article 4, Section 1, Clause 4 be added: Anonymous or “secret ballots” will not be permitted.

