



S22-005

**An Act to Amend the Constitution and By-laws of SGA relative to Adding a Position for a Senator-at-Large for the purpose of Retaining Senators**

- Whereas,** there are instances where a Senator may change their major to that of a different college, **and,**
- Whereas,** these Senators may still want to continue in SGA to continue benefiting the student body, **and,**
- Whereas,** there is not always a vacancy in the college the Senator will be joining that they may be appointed to, **and,**
- Whereas,** in such circumstances that Senator must resign which could potentially hurt SGA by causing the loss of good Senators, **and,**
- Whereas,** adding a new position, Senator-at-Large, would allow for the Senate to retain the Senators that it wishes to retain,

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

- Section 1:** This bill shall be known as the “Senator-at-Large Act of 2022”
- Section 2:** In Article V.3.A.1 of the SGA Constitution, add the following new phrase v: “Senators-at-Large”
- Section 3:** In Article V.3.B of the SGA Constitution, add the following new phrase 5: “Senators-at-Large”
- Section 3.1:** In Article V.3.B.5, add the following new sentence i: “Senators-at-Large shall represent the common interests of the student body as a whole.”
- Section 3.2:** In Article V.3.B.5, add the following new sentence ii: “Any Academic Senator shall become a Senator-at-Large upon any voluntary change of their constituency, provided they still meet the qualifications of being a Senator.”
- Section 3.2.1:** In Article V.3.B.5.ii, add the following new sentence 1: “There shall be no more than five (5) Senators-at-Large holding office at the same time.”

**Section 3.2.2:** In Article V.3.B.5.ii, add the following new sentence 2: “Before taking office, the Senate shall vote to retain or remove the Senator. An absolute supermajority shall be necessary to retain the Senator.”

**Section 4:** In Article V.8, add a new phrase entitled “Senators-at-Large”

**Section 4.1:** In the new phrase E, add a clause 1: “The term of office for Senators-at-Large shall begin after the Senate votes for their retention as a Senator and shall end following the swearing-in of the next Executive Council.”

**Section 5:** This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

**Respectively Submitted by:**

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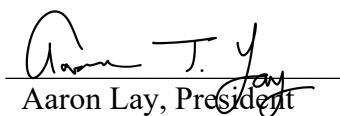
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