

RESOLUTION #4009
To Remove Abstentions from Counting Toward the Total Number of Votes

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WHEREAS: Due to recent confusion over the definition of an abstention, the bylaws require clarification; and,

WHEREAS: Abstentions should be considered as removal of oneself from a vote and endorsing neither side; and,

WHEREAS: The voter relinquishes their rights and denies the rights of their constituents to representation by a vote of abstention; and,

WHEREAS: The outcome of a vote should be determined by those actually taking a stance on the issue, not those removing themselves from the vote; and,

WHEREAS: The national and state governments do not use abstentions.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That Article IV, Section N of the Senate Bylaws be amended to state,

“All bills and resolutions, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or these bylaws, shall require a single majority vote for passage, where the majority is of the present voting membership excluding abstentions.”

11-14-2 (FAILED)

PASSAGE

10/27/2010

DATE

VICE PRESIDENT JENNIFER BABOS

DATE