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**An Act to Place a Question on the Ballot for the 2015 General Election Requesting the Authorization for the Senate of the Associated Students to Fill the Vacant Senate Seat Following the Election of the Speaker of the Senate**

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In the Senate of the Associated Students

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November 4, 2014

Submitted by Senators Brooke and Hood to the Committee on Government Operations

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**A Bill**

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*Whereas,* currently whichever college the Speaker of the Senate is elected by as a senator is underrepresented following his/her assuming of office;

*Whereas,* the Speaker of the Senate cannot be expected to properly serve his/her college while also fulfilling the duties of Speaker;

*Whereas,* appointment of the runner-up in the Speaker’s college will allow for the next most voted on candidate to serve his/her college;

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,* that pursuant to Article II, section 1(a & d) of the Constitution of the Associated Students, a ballot question seeking approval of voters shall appear on the ballot for the 2015 General Election as follows:

“Shall the Senate of the Associated Students fill the senate seat vacated by the election of the Speaker of the Senate with the runner-up in the Speaker’s college’s election and change the composition of the Senate to be the Speaker and no more than 22 senators?”

*Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students*, that pursuant to passage of the ballot question by the student body, Article II, Section 1(a) will read as follows:

“COMPOSITION AND TERM.—The Senate shall be composed of the Speaker and not more than twenty-two Senators, who shall be elected to a term of one year.”

Be it further enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students, that pursuant to passage of the ballot question by the student body, Article II, Section 1(f) will be added to read as follows:

“APPOINTMENT AFTER ELECTION OF SPEAKER.— “After the election of the Speaker by the Senate, the first runner-up of the Speaker’s college or school of which they were elected shall be appointed to the Senate at the meeting following the election of the Speaker. If there was no runner-up from the college of which the Speaker was elected, the Senate shall fill the vacancy as the Senate by law provides to fill any other vacancy of the Senate.”

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