

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1289

TITLE: Legislative Authorship Clarification Act

AUTHOR(S): Senator Nathaniel Pelton

SPONSOR(S):

**RULE XIV
LEGISLATION**

(AMENDED: 2019-124, 2019-138, 2020-1064, 2021-104, 2021-106, 2021-107, 2023-144, 2023-160)

1. Submitting New Legislation:

- a. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests must be submitted to the chair of the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation by a Student Senator. If no committee is assigned to hear or is able to hear a piece of legislation, that legislation will be referred to the Replacement and Agenda Committee so that it may be considered for addition to the agenda.
- b. All bills of law, resolutions, authorizations, and special requests may only be authored and sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
 - i. Any Member of the Student Senate
 - ii. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the Student Body
 - iii. Any Student Government Cabinet Chair, Cabinet Director, and Agency Chair, but not authored
 - iv. The Supervisor of Elections and any member of the Elections Commission, but not authored
 - v. The President, Vice President, or any member of the highest leadership of any Student Government-funded organization, but not authored
- c. No bill of law, resolution, authorizations, or special requests may be authored or sponsored by the following Student Government Officials:
 - i. Senate Parliamentarian
 - ii. Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
 - iii. Senate Secretary
- d. If a committee creates legislation, that committee may directly submit legislation to the Replacement and Agenda Committee for addition to the agenda or may first

refer that legislation to the committee normally tasked with hearing that type of legislation.

- e. Legislation not added to the agenda by the Replacement and Agenda Committee may be added to the agenda from the floor with a majority vote if it has not previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate during the same term. Any legislation to be added to the agenda from the floor must be submitted to the Senate Secretary no later than 11:59 PM the day before the Senate meeting at which the legislation may be added to the agenda. Legislation may not be added to the agenda from the floor unless it has already been reviewed by the committee assigned to hear that type of legislation.
- f. Legislation may not be submitted for referral to a committee if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring. Legislation may not be added to the agenda if it is substantially similar to legislation that has previously been failed or postponed indefinitely by a committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate until after the first meeting of the Senate following the validation of Senate election results each fall and spring.
- g. Whenever any legislation particularly affecting one or more student organizations is to be heard by the Senate, the president(s) of the affected organization(s) must be notified by the Chair of the committee assigned to hear that legislation (or their designee) no later than three days prior to the first meeting of the Senate at which the legislation is to be heard. This provision does not apply if the affected organization(s) is bringing the legislation before the Senate.
- h. All outstanding legislation at the end of each academic semester and at the Senate meeting when validation of Senate election results occurs each fall and spring will be procedurally withdrawn.
- i. Provisos shall be written under the following guidelines:
 - i. Code Revisions, Primary and Subsidiary Budgets, Authorizations, and Special Request Authorizations shall refer to *Black's Law Dictionary* definition of a Proviso, alongside other privileges outlined under Rule XIV, Section 1(h)(ii) of the Rules and Procedures of the Student Senate.
 - ii. Resolutions shall be primarily focused on setting conditions which help to properly promote and recognize the influences and figureheads related to the bill in question. This can include but is not limited to: Resolution forwarding to related stakeholders, recognizing non-eligible author/sponsor contributors, and setting standards for posting resolutions on applicable social media applications.



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Date