

FIFTH STUDENT SENATE
THIRD SESSION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
SPRING 1987

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

INTRODUCED BY
SENATORS PALACIOS, ROMINE AND CRAWFORD

AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3.3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION' AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3.5 OF THE CONSTITUTION; AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.37 OF THE CONSTITUTION; RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE VETO POWER OF THE PRESIDENT.

WHEREAS, The President and Vice President currently serve in the Legislative Branch of the Students' Association, and

WHEREAS, such service conflicts with the doctrine of separation of powers which is the fundamental theory of self-government, and

WHEREAS, such service allows for the abuse of power by the President in that he is a member of the Legislative Branch that creates the laws and is the head of the Executive Branch which is to execute the laws, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Students' Association to separate the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch completely; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS;

Section 1. That Article 3.3 be amended by striking the following subsections:

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Section 2. That Article 3.55 be amended to read as follows:

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Section 3. That Article 4.37 be amended to read as follows:

"4.37. [~~Serve-as-presiding-officer-of-the-Student-Senate~~] Approve all measures enacted by the Student Senate in the manner hereinafter set forth. Every bill and any resolution proposing a constitutional amendment passed by the Senate shall be presented to the President for his approval. If he approves, he shall sign it. If he should disapprove, he shall return it to the Senate with its objections. The Senate shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the total voting membership of the senate, by a record vote, agree to pass the bill, it shall become a law.

Any bill not returned by the President with his objections within ten class days after presentation shall become a law as if he had signed it, unless the Senate by its adjournment prevents its return. If any bill presented to the President contains several items of appropriation, he may object to one or more of such items and approve the other portion of the bill. In such case, he shall append to the bill, at the time of signing, a statement of the items to which he objects, and no item so objected to shall take effect. The items so objected to shall be transmitted to the Senate and the Senate shall proceed thereon as if reconsidering a regular bill."

Section 4. The foregoing constitutional amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the members of the Students' Association at the general election to be held on the first Wednesday in March, 1987, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendments removing the executive officers from the Student Senate, providing for the Vice President to serve as President of the Senate with no vote except in the case of a

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I certify that S.R. No. 41 was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 1987 by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 2, Present Not Voting 1, No Votes 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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Other action _____

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THIRD SESSION, SPRING, 1987

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Introduced by Sen. Palacios, Romine, & Crawford

20 January, 1987.

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 3.3 of the Constitution of the SA; an amendment to Art. 3.5 of the Constitution; an amendment to Art. 4.37 of the Constitution; relating to the Legislative veto of the President and VP and the veto power of the President.
Read first time by title and referred to Committee on

Internal Affairs

Reported to Senate 17 February

With recommendation DO PASS (8-0)

Read second time and taken up for consideration 17 February 1987

Placed on its passage PASSED
by a vote of 31 for and 2
against. 1 abstention

Immediate Consideration _____

by vote of _____ for & _____ against

Final passage _____ for and _____
against

Secretary of the Senate

