

Passed as Amended
5/4/99

AB ⁵ To Amend the Duties of the Legislative Relations Agency

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED An Act

To modify the Internal Rules of Procedure for The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin:

Be it enacted by the Assembly of The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin:

SECTION I: Amend the Internal Rules of Procedure for The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin, Article XIII by striking Section 1 and replacing it with the following:

Section 1: The purpose of the Legislative Relations Agency is to act as a source of information regarding those issues that affect students for the local, state, and federal government. The Agency will focus on educating and mobilizing the University of Texas student body regarding issues of higher education and will encourage student participation in government. The Agency will serve as a liaison between the student body and the legislature, seeking student majority opinion through the use of community forums, and taking the opinion of the student body at large to the legislature. The Agency will focus on important higher education issues such as the appropriations budget of the Texas Legislature and admissions policies.

SECTION II: Amend the Internal Rules of Procedure for The Student Government of The University of Texas at Austin, Article XIII by inserting the following sections and renumbering subsequent sections:

~~Section 2: The Agency shall meet at least once a week.~~

Section 3: The Agency shall deliver a comprehensive report to the Assembly at least once a month.

Sponsored by Representatives Day (Engineering), Friedberg (Two Years At-Large), and Halstead (Two Years At-Large).

Summary for AB 6

To Amend the Duties of the Legislative Relations Agency
Representatives Day (Engineering), Friedberg (Two Years At-Large), and Halstead (Two
Years At-Large)

This bill is to amend the Internal Rules of Procedure regarding the duties of the Legislative Relations Agency. Section 1 of Article XIII is replaced, giving LRA a new, more defined purpose and mission statement. Two new sections are added by this bill, mandating that the Agency shall meet at least once a week and that it will deliver a comprehensive report to the Assembly at least once a month. The passage of this bill will make LRA more equipped to tackle issues of higher education and will result in a more productive agency.

- Representative Friedberg (Two Years At-Large)

CURRENT VERSION OF ARTICLE XIII:

**Article XIII
Legislative Relations**

- Section 1: The purpose of the Legislative Relations Agency is to act as a source of information regarding those issues that affect students for the state and federal government.
- Section 2: The Director shall be appointed by the president of the Student Government and approved by a majority of the assembly representatives present.
- Section 3: The Director of the Legislative Relations Agency is the chief operation officer who establishes the rules of procedure for operating the agency, manages all its finances and properties. Members of the agency will be chosen by its director.
- Section 4: The term of the director shall be one year.
- Section 5: The Director may be terminated by the President with a 2/3 vote of the assembly representatives present, and a new director must be appointed within 15 days.