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### Amendment to Bylaws

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**Short Title:** A resolution to amend the bylaws section entitled Meetings.

**Whereas,** The current bylaws state that all abstention voting shall count toward the negative, and

**Whereas,** According to *Robert's Rules of Order*, it states: Although it is the duty of every member who has an opinion on a question to express it by his vote, he can abstain, since he cannot be compelled to vote, and

**Whereas,** the Student Government Association uses *Robert's Rules of Order* as the final authority on all questions of procedures and parliamentary law not otherwise defined in the constitution.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNEMENT ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

1. The Article V, Section 4, be amended to read:

Section 4. Voting:

- d. All abstention voting shall be neutral in nature.

**EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

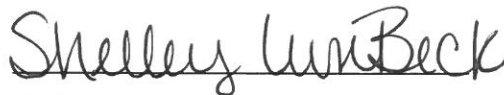
This matter be handled in an expedient manner, and be put into effect immediately upon approval of the Senate in order for it to be in place by the next Senate meeting.

Pass

Fail



Jake Hampton, Vice-President



Shelley LunBeck, President