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A Bill -

To be Entitled a "TSPAN Authorization Act, relating to the Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (CSPAN), Texas State Student Government will adopt a similar approach to broadcasting senate meetings and other affairs.

1 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University Student
2 Government strives to be as transparent
3 as possible to the student body; and
4 **WHEREAS:** Students have a right to view their
5 representatives during senate meetings;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS:** Minutes from the senate meetings are
8 the only form of knowing what
9 legislation the senate is debating; and
10 **BE IT ENACTED:** TSPAN will henceforth broadcast live
11 Student Government Senate meetings, as
12 well as other Student Government events

13 over social media channels in an effort
14 to provide the upmost transparency in
15 regard to the activities of Texas State
16 Student Government; and

17 **BE IT ENACTED:** The text in the Student Government Code
18 be amended to add:

19 **SUBTITLE I- MISCELLANEOUS**

20 **CHAPTER 108 - TSPAN Authorization ACT**

21 **ARTICLE I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

22 **§1 AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are
23 authorized pursuant to Article III (10) (a), (j) of the Student
24 Government Constitution.

25 **§2 PURPOSE.** The Senate, wishing to enhance Student Government
26 transparency, will establish video broadcasting services for
27 Senate Meetings and other Student Government events.

28 **ARTICLE II. AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM**

29 **§1 AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes a program that
30 will broadcast Senate meetings and other Student Government
31 events for public viewing.

32 (a) The broadcast will be made available through the internet
33 on the Student Government website and via Student
34 Government social media channels.

35 (b) In accordance with S.G.C VI Section 200.6(4), the Senate
36 may, by 2/3 majority vote, elect to temporarily suspend the
37 broadcast for the purposes of protecting personal or
38 sensitive information.

39 (c) The Programs and Marketing Commission shall be responsible
40 for administering this program.

41 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** That upon passage of this Bill it be
42 forwarded to Student Body President
43 Andrew Homann for further action.