A Bill –

To be entitled “Vote by Voice Act,” which would serve to amend the Student Government Code to allow voting by voice as the default method of voting.

WHEREAS: Texas State Student Senate values efficiency and accuracy when it comes to Parliamentary Procedure so that meetings may be carried out in an organized fashion; and,

WHEREAS: According to Robert’s Rules of Order (Fourth Edition);

“The usual method of taking a vote is viva voce (by the voice). The rules require this method to be used in Congress. In small assemblies the vote is often taken by "show of hands," or by "raising the right hand" as it is also called. The other methods of voting are by rising; by ballot; by roll call, or "yeas and
nays," as it is also called; by general consent; and by mail. In voting by any of the first three methods, the affirmative answer aye, or raise the right hand, or rise, as the case may be: then the negative answer no, or raise the right hand, or rise."; and

WHEREAS: The Student Government Code currently calls for the default method of voting to be taken by roll-call under Chapter 200, Article I; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED: Upon passage, the Student Government Code be amended with the following changes:

TITLE VI- THE LEGISLATURE

CHAPTER 200- STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SENATE

ARTICLE III- LEGISLATIVE AND SENATE PROCEDURES

§13 ROLL CALL. All final votes on legislation shall be taken by roll call vote. All votes on legislation shall be taken by voice, in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order. Before voting, the chair must ask if there is a motion to suspend the rules and vote by roll call. If there is none, the chair will continue with the vote by voice.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: That upon passage, this legislation be
forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.