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**A Bill -**

To be entitled "Adopt-A-Spot Act," authorizing the Student Services Commission to oversee a campus adoption program for the purpose of involving students in campus maintenance, improvement, and beautification.

1 **WHEREAS:** Texas State University prides itself on having the  
2 most beautiful campus in Texas; and

3 **WHEREAS:** Campus visits attract new students, inspire current  
4 students, and instill Bobcat pride in alumni; and

5 **WHEREAS:** Keeping Texas State beautiful is a duty of all  
6 students; and

7 **WHEREAS:** Students take pride in maintaining their campus and  
8 desire a means of volunteering to help with campus  
9 maintenance; and

10 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Subtitle I - Miscellaneous be amended by  
11 adding Chapter 111, to read as follows:

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**CHAPTER 111 - ADOPT-A-SPOT AUTHORIZATION**

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**Article I - ADMINISTRATIVE**

15 §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** This chapter and all of its regulations are authorized pursuant to  
16 Article III (10)(a), (j) of the Student Government Constitution and S.G.C. V.  
17 §107.1(2)(a).

18 §2 **PURPOSE.** Texas State University prides itself on its beautiful campus, which attracts  
19 new students, tourists, and inspires commitment to the university in its alumni.  
20 Student Government desires to facilitate greater involvement of students and  
21 student organizations with their campus environment. As the physical campus  
22 grows to accommodate the increasing student population, maintenance becomes a  
23 more daunting task for university staff and an opportunity to cultivate a culture of  
24 volunteerism among current students. The Student Government will create an  
25 “Adopt-A-Spot” initiative, inviting campus organizations to adopt sections of  
26 campus for the purpose of basic maintenance and beautification, to be managed  
27 by the Student Services Commission.

## 28 **Article II - AUTHORIZATION**

29 §1 **AUTHORIZATION.** The Senate hereby authorizes the creation of a new initiative titled  
30 “Adopt-A-Spot” to be overseen by the Student Services Commission,  
31 under the regulations in the following sections.

32 §2 **APPLICATIONS.** The application process for student organizations to adopt a spot  
33 should be as follows:

34 (a) The Student Services Commission will create the zones for adoption in  
35 a manner suited to its preferences. While there are no equal area or  
36 equal pedestrian traffic requirements, the commission should consider  
37 the relative physical area, pedestrian traffic, and inclusion of campus  
38 landmarks.

39 (b) A tab should be added to the Student Government webpage, linked to  
40 an online request form that representatives of campus organizations  
41 can submit requesting a section of campus. The form should have a  
42 map, to be updated weekly, indicating available and unavailable  
43 sections and allow a preferential ranking of preferred sections.

44 (c) After an application is received, the commission should send a copy of  
45 this chapter to the organization's representative, requesting a signature  
46 indicating agreement to abide by its policies.

47 (d) The commission should assign the most preferable section, dependent  
48 on availability. In the case that all of the preferred sections are taken at  
49 the time the request form is submitted, the Director of Student Services  
50 should contact the organization inquiring about other preferred zones  
51 for adoption.

52 §3 **RESPONSIBILITIES.** Once an organization has an assigned zone, they must engage in  
53 at least one monthly clean-up for the duration of the academic year  
54 (ending with the summer commencement ceremonies). Clean-up includes  
55 picking up litter, cleaning any bins or benches in the zone, and providing  
56 for general tidiness of the area. In addition, the commission will plan a  
57 once-per-semester campus-wide clean-up in which all organizations  
58 involved in the Adopt-A-Spot initiative must participate. This event can  
59 substitute for that month's clean-up. Organizations with additional ideas  
60 for beautification projects are allowed to work in conjunction with and  
61 with approval of the relevant campus authorities in enacting their  
62 project(s).

63 §4 **ADVERTISING.** The commission will order a sign bearing the name of the campus  
64 organization within one week of the assignment of a zone. The  
65 commission will place the sign within the adopted zone in a manner that is  
66 not permanently destructive to the physical environment and is not  
67 disruptive of pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

68 §5 **COMPETITION.** To encourage the highest level of cleanliness, a monthly newsletter  
69 will be sent to participating organizations. In the newsletter, the  
70 commission will recognize an outstanding organization and/or project for  
71 that month. At the end of the year, the commission will recognize an  
72 organization of the year at a dinner, meeting, or public forum.

73 §6 **LIMITATIONS.** Campus organizations may not adopt more than one zone at any time. In  
74 addition, the adoption of any zone expires at the closing of the last

75 summer commencement ceremony in that academic year. The following  
76 business day, applications should be opened for the new academic year.  
77 All zones are then available and will be assigned on a first-come, first-  
78 served basis, pursuant the regulations set forth in §2 of this Article.

79 **§7 VIOLATIONS.** If a campus organization does not report a monthly clean-up to the  
80 commission or the zone is deemed in violation of the responsibilities  
81 outlined in §3 of this Article by the Commission, the organization incurs a  
82 single violation. After the first violation, the Director of Student Services  
83 shall provide a written warning to the organization, urging their fulfillment  
84 of obligations agreed to by participation in the initiative. If a second  
85 violation is incurred, the zone becomes available for adoption by another  
86 organization and may not be adopted by the violating organization within  
87 the same academic year. Written notice should be provided at the time any  
88 violation is incurred, containing relevant information about next steps  
89 taken by the commission and/or required action on part of the  
90 organization.

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92 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** That upon passage this bill be forwarded  
93 to Student Body President Andrew Homann for further  
94 action.