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Bill 2-17-F. A Bill to Amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University.

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to establish the Chief Justice as the interim Speaker of the Senate if the Speaker is absent or removed.

WHEREAS: Section 3.11.3 of the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University will be amended from, “If the Speaker is removed, the committee head of the Legislative Research Committee shall be the interim Speaker until a new Speaker can be elected in accordance with this Constitution,” to state, “If the Speaker is absent or removed, the Chief Justice of the Judicial Council shall be the interim Speaker until a new Speaker can be elected in accordance with this Constitution if needed,” and

WHEREAS: The Speaker of the Senate is elected by the Senate body with an expectation to remain unbiased in their presiding over meetings, and

WHEREAS: The Legislative Research Committee Chair is appointed by the President, while the Chief Justice of Judicial Council is appointed by a majority vote of the Judicial Council, and

WHEREAS: In the case of a vote requiring the Speaker tie-break, the legislation will be tabled until a new Speaker of the Senate is elected, as the Chief Justice lacks voting power.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University amend the Constitution of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to establish the Chief Justice as the interim Speaker of the Senate if the Speaker is absent or removed.

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