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GPSA ASSEMBLY
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ASSEMBLY BILL #27

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AN ACT TO CHANGE ASSEMBLY PROXY RULES

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,

WHEREAS the GPSA Assembly benefits from fully attended meetings with a diverse pool of voices;

WHEREAS the Executives and Directors are a core component of the Executive Branch of GPSA and their influence must remain separate from the Legislative Branch of GPSA;

WHEREAS the GPSA Bylaws contain text indicating the potential conflict of interest with the phrase in Title II, Article IV, “Current GPSA Executive Officers and Directors may serve as proxies, although for at most one Assembly member at any point of time”

NOTING THAT the Bylaws contain a limit that highlights the need for a separation of powers and reduced influence by the Executive Branch on the Assembly,

WHEREAS the ability for the Assembly President and Assembly Members to plan for absences and proxies is greatly diminished by only allowing one Executive Officer or Director to proxy,

NOTING THAT this bill in no way negatively reflects or comments on the work, communication, or professionalism of any current Executive Officers or Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED the text of Title II, Article 4, C be changed from:

“Assembly members who cannot attend an Assembly meeting are required to send a proxy voter, as outlined in Article 3 of this Title. Any GPSA member is eligible to serve as a proxy for an Assembly member, although no individual may cast more than one vote, therefore Assembly members may not proxy for one another. Current GPSA Executive Officers and Directors may serve as proxies, although for at most one Assembly member at any point of time.”

to:

“Assembly members who cannot attend an Assembly meeting are required to send a proxy voter, as outlined in Article 3 of this Title. Any GPSA member of the same school or college or program of the Assembly member, or any GPSA member for at large members, is eligible to serve as a proxy for an Assembly member, although no individual may cast more than one vote, therefore Assembly members may not proxy for one another. Current GPSA Executive Officers and Directors may not serve as proxies.”