

An Act to Enhance and Clarify Various Procedures relating to Executive Orders, and for connected purposes thereof.

- Whereas,** Executive Orders are a crucial part of the functioning of many Executive Branches and allow for an administration to deliver on its campaign promises, **and,**
- Whereas,** permitting Executive Cabinet members to draft Executive Orders relating to their assigned duties would greatly free up time and lead to better written bills through greater scrutiny by their peers, **and,**
- Whereas,** the provisions outlined below greatly clarify the Executive Order process and introduce provisions safeguarding the role of the SGA Senate, **and,**
- Whereas,** the SGA President, being the head of the Executive Branch, would retain their rights over the issuing of Executive Orders, including the frequency, content, and nature of such Orders, **and,**
- Whereas,** greater documentation of the Executive Order process in the Constitution and By-Laws is more accessible, understandable, and democratic, **and,**
- Whereas,** allowing Executive Cabinet members to work with one another to design Executive Orders that must be discussed, debated, and potentially amended by their peers in both the Executive Cabinet and the Senate encourages a greater diversity of ideas and perspectives,

NOW THEREFORE,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF
TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

Section 1: This bill shall be known as the "Executive Order Enhancement Act of 2020"

Section 2: The following abbreviations used in this bill are:

Section 2.1: Tennessee Technological University is abbreviated as "TTU"

Section 2.2: Student Government Association is abbreviated in this bill as "SGA"

Section 3: In the TTU SGA Constitution, below the heading "Article IV: Executive Branch," insert the following sentence: "The Executive Branch of SGA shall consist of an Executive Council and an Executive Cabinet."

Section 4: Article IV, Section I, of the TTU SGA Constitution shall be entitled "Executive Council"

Section 5: Below Article IV, Section I, insert the following sentence: "The Executive Council shall consist of the following elected officers: the SGA President, the SGA Vice President, the SGA Secretary, and the SGA Treasurer."

Section 6: Article IV, Section 1, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 8 of the TTU SGA Constitution shall read: "Present Executive Orders to the Senate for approval as needed."

Section 7: Article IV, Section 2, Subsections A - D of the TTU SGA Constitution shall become Subsections B – E, respectively. Subsection A shall be defined below.

Section 7.1: Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A shall read: "The Executive Cabinet shall consist of the President and officers appointed by the President to advise and assist them on specific matters of concern."

Section 8: In Article I, Section 14, of the TTU SGA By-Laws, a new Subsection shall be inserted between Subsections A and B that shall read: "The Executive President shall notify all officers of the Executive Branch no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a submission of an Executive Order to the Senate."

Section 9: Article I, Section 14, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 3 of the TTU SGA By-Laws shall read: "The words 'BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY' followed by the section statements of the bill."

Section 10: In Article I, Section 14, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 4 of the TTU SGA By-Laws, strike the final 's' from the phrase "Student Government Associations"

Section 10.1: Article I, Section 14, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 5 shall be moved to a new Subsection attached to Sub-Subsection 4.

Section 10.1.1: The word "precise" shall be inserted between the words 'The' and 'date' in the new attached Subsection

Section 11: Article I, Section 14, Subsection B, Sub-Subsection 6 of the TTU SGA By-Laws shall read: "The words 'respectfully submitted by the Executive President of SGA' optionally followed by a list of Executive Branch co-sponsors."

Section 12: Article I, Section 14, Subsection C of the SGA By-Laws shall read: “An Executive Order is considered passed when a two-thirds majority of the total voting members of the Senate vote for passage.”

Section 13: Article I, Section 14, Subsection E of the SGA By-Laws, which is to be created, shall read: “Executive Orders may not reduce the powers or rights of the SGA Senate nor grant any powers or rights currently held by a Senator or the SGA Senate as a whole to the Executive Branch.”

Section 14: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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