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A Bill

A bill to be known as "A Bill to allow virtual attendance for Representatives and attendees", which calls for allowing Representatives from Round Rock and online programs as well as graduate students from Round Rock and online programs to attend House meetings virtually through online platforms and streaming services.

WHEREAS: Texas State University currently offers 7 Master's Degree programs at the Round Rock Campus and 19 Master's Degree programs and Graduate Level Certificates completely or partially online; and

WHEREAS: Texas State University is transitioning to provide more degree programs online and at the Round Rock campus, including most of the College of Health Professions which is moving to the Round Rock Campus in Fall 2018; and

WHEREAS: House Representatives from online programs and programs at the Round Rock Campus will need to attend meetings virtually without affecting quorum; therefore

BE IT ENACTED: By the authority granted under Article IV Section 1 (b) of the student government constitution, Student Government

Code, Title VI, Chapter 300, Article VII shall be amended to include the following:

ARTICLE VII - VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

§1 DEFINITION: House Representatives shall be allowed to attend House meetings, including joint sessions of the House and the Senate, virtually via online platforms and streaming services such as Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc.

§2 QUORUM: Virtual attendance of House Representatives shall be counted towards quorum

§3 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING VIRTUALLY:

House Representatives who attend meetings through virtual attendance shall be granted the same rights and privileges (including but not limited to voting, proposing legislation, etc.) as those members of the House of Representatives who attend in person

§4 FURTHER PROVISIONS: As Texas State University continues to grow, further accommodations through different online platforms shall be made and allotted to include and ensure adequate representation of the student body who attend Texas State University through online and university extension campuses

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: That upon passage this legislation be forwarded to the Current Student Body President and to Student Government Advisors.