



**Bill B-19-22**  
**The University of Alabama**  
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**Sponsors:** Secretary of the Senate Taryn Geiger, Senator Jennifer Baggett, Senator Elizabeth Prophet

**Endorsements:**

**A BILL TO CLARIFY WHETHER PRIOR DOCUMENTS HAVE  
PASSED IN THE SENATE**

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.*

Section 1. Findings:

- A. On the SGA website, the docket for each week is posted and documents from prior sessions are left for students to view.
- B. While members of SGA can view each document proposed to the Senate, they have no way of finding out the result of prior documents that are posted.
- C. Through adding a pass/fail check to each document voted on during a session, members of SGA can easily look back at prior dockets to see what has and has not been successful

Section 2. Legislation: **changes in red**

Chapter 400.3 Resolutions

Chapter 400.3.1 Resolutions are hereby defined as expressions of sentiment by the Senate body.

Chapter 400.3.2 Resolutions are not subject to presidential veto.

Chapter 400.3.3 Resolutions shall be designated with the letter "R", followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.3.4 Resolutions which encourage specific actions will be considered nonbinding, unless the encouraged action was an initiative to be undertaken exclusively by the Senate.

Chapter 400.3.5 Resolutions shall be first introduced by reading at length by the author on the Senate floor, but such reading may be disposed of by unanimous consent.

Chapter 400.3.6 At a sponsor's request, an approved resolution may be enrolled and mailed at Senate expense, with the document possessing the signatures of the Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker of the Senate.

Chapter 400.3.7 The Secretary of the Senate shall be allowed to correct typographical and grammatical errors within a resolution prior to enrollment but must notify the sponsor if changes were made.

Chapter 400.3.8 Copies of all approved resolutions must be sent to the Crimson White.

Chapter 400.3.9 Resolutions shall not be subject to automatic committee referral by the Speaker of the Senate and may be immediately considered following the first reading. This shall not be true for resolutions including financial allocations.

Chapter 400.3.10 The outcome of each resolution voted during a Senate session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the resolution resides on the SGA website.

#### Chapter 400.4 Acts

Chapter 400.4.1 Acts are hereby defined as legislation which compels an action by the SGA including, but not limited to, the disbursement of funds, participation in certain events, and sponsorship of certain events by the SGA.

Chapter 400.4.2 Acts are subject to veto by the SGA President at his or her discretion.

Chapter 400.4.3 Acts shall be designated with the letter "A", followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.4.4 The Senate Committee on Finance shall have oversight over all acts which involve disbursement of funds from SGA accounts.

Chapter 400.4.5 Expenditures approved by the Financial Affairs Committee shall be put in the form of an act.

Chapter 400.4.6 Acts expressly written for the purposes of Chapter 400.4.5 are not subject to committee action and shall be immediately considered on the Senate floor.

Chapter 400.4.7 Copies of all acts approved by the Senate shall be sent to the Crimson White.

Chapter 400.4.8 The outcome of each act voted during a Senate session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the act resides on the SGA website.

## Chapter 400.5 Bills

Chapter 400.5.1 A bill is hereby defined as a piece of legislation whose express purpose is to add, remove, or otherwise amend the text of the SGA Code of Laws or the Senate Rules and Regulations.

Chapter 400.5.2 Bills shall be subject to veto by the SGA President.

Chapter 400.5.3 Bills shall be designated with the letter “B”, followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.5.4 If a piece of legislation submitted under the auspices of a bill is found to be outside the restrictions placed by Chapter 400.5.1, then said legislation shall automatically fail, and the motion to reconsider shall be out of order.

Chapter 400.5.5 Copies of all bills approved by the Senate shall be sent to the Crimson White upon signature by the SGA President or its otherwise becoming law.

Chapter 400.5.6 The outcome of each bill voted during a Senate session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the bill resides on the SGA website.

## Chapter 400.6 Constitutional Amendments

Chapter 400.6.1 A constitutional amendment is hereby defined as a special resolution whose express purpose is to propose changes to the language and content of the SGA Constitution.

Chapter 400.6.2 Constitutional amendments shall not be subject to veto by the SGA President, but must be approved by referendum among the University of Alabama student body.

Chapter 400.6.3 Legislation for constitutional amendments shall be designated with the letter “C”, followed by a number to be determined by the Secretary of the Senate.

Chapter 400.6.4 The outcome of each amendment voted during a Senate session will be updated in the legislative documents tab under each specific docket in which the amendment resides on the SGA website.

Copies of legislation may be sent to any individuals necessary. This often includes *The Crimson White*, President Bell, administrators, individuals that aided in crafting the legislation, etc.