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AG Appointment Clarification Bill

Whereas, the bylaws require further clarification regarding the nomination process the Acting Attorney General must follow if an Attorney General nominee is not selected by September 30th.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

That Title IV, Article 1, Section 4, Clause 3 be amended to read: "Clause 3: Should all of these positions be vacated simultaneously; the Chief Justice will nominate a new Attorney General after a formal application process and call a session of the Supreme Court, which is not subject to a specific quorum requirement. The nominee must be confirmed by a majority of Justices present. If there are only two Justices present, the nominee must receive two votes to be confirmed. If there is only one Justice present, the nominee need only the present Justice's vote to be confirmed. The Chief Justice may cast a vote in favor or against a nominee, and the next available member of the Attorney General line of succession will act as Attorney General until the Supreme Court confirms a candidate for the remainder of the term."

Be it further enacted, that Title IV, Article 2, Section 2, Clause 3 of the Bylaws be amended to read: "Clause 3: Should the process for selecting a new Attorney General for the following term not be complete by September 30th of each calendar year, the next available member of the Justice Department, as determined by the Attorney General line of succession, will automatically become the Acting-Attorney General and begin the process for selecting an Attorney General for the following term as outlined in Title IV, Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2. The Acting-Attorney General will complete this process within fifteen (15) business days of taking office."

Be it further enacted, that Title IV, Article 2, Section 2 of the Bylaws add the following clause: "Clause 5: If the Acting-Attorney General fails to meet the fifteen (15) day deadline, they will be removed from office and the Chief Justice will nominate a new Attorney General after a formal application process and call a session of the Supreme Court, which is not subject to a specific quorum requirement. The nominee must be confirmed by a majority of Justices present. If there are only two Justices present, the nominee must receive two votes to be confirmed. If there is only one Justice present, the nominee need only the present Justice's vote to be confirmed. The Chief Justice may cast a vote in favor or against a nominee, and the next available member of the Attorney General line of succession will act as Attorney General until the Supreme Court confirms a candidate for the remainder of the term."



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