Senate Bill

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 10/26/14
Re: NDSA Voting Delegate Bylaws Change

Whereas, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) is the state-wide student association dedicated to the betterment of students by dealing with student issues, and

Whereas, the students of the University of North Dakota are responsible for representing themselves at all NDSA meetings, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota receives up to 18 voting delegates at NDSA meetings, and

Whereas, a lack of obligatory attendance has resulted in few students attending past meetings, and

Whereas, during legislative sessions student input will be sought after and valuable for lobbying initiatives, and

Whereas, having a stable delegation would be beneficial to ensuring goals and initiatives are being continuously followed up on and pursued, and

Whereas, having additional slots not fulfilled by annually permanent Voting Delegates will be advantageous for Senators, Executive members, and other students who wish to attend, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the attached changes be made to the Bylaws.
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NORTH DAKOTA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

1. The Governmental Affairs Commissioner, or State Governmental Affairs Commissioner if there are more than one, shall be the Head Delegate representing UND at the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) General Assembly.

2. If the Governmental Affairs Commissioner, or State Governmental Affairs Commissioner if there are more than one, is unable to fulfill the duties of Head Delegate, the Head Delegate position will be passed on to the State and Local Committee chair. If the State and Local Committee chair is unable to fulfill the duties of Head Delegate, the Delegate with the most seniority will be appointed Head Delegate until one of the former is able to resume the duties of Head Delegate.

3. Annually-serving Voting Delegates, numbering up to twelve (12) positions will be selected to serve a term lasting one academic year. Any other voting members the University receives through NDSA shall be non-permanent and open to any students, following the same order of precedence outlined in this article.

4. The remaining Students wishing to fill Voting Delegate positions along with up to five (5) alternate positions shall submit their name to Student Senate who then vote to approve these member(s). Student Senate will seek to fill these positions prior to the first NDSA meeting of the year, will be appointed by the Head Delegate and approved by the Student Senate no later than the meeting prior to the first NDSA meeting. Any vacant positions may be appointed at any time by the Head Delegate, but Voting Delegates must be confirmed by the Student Senate before they may vote at an NDSA meeting. All NDSA officers are exempt from requiring Student Senate approval.

5. Priority for Voting Delegate positions shall be given first to State and Local Committee members, then other Student Senators and NDSA officers, then Student Government Executives, then Student Senators, then University Seniors, then standing committee and special committee members, then any student having previously attended an NDSA meeting, then any other remaining Voting Delegate positions may be filled by an at-large student. This priority also applies to the additional voting slots the University receives as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.

6. Voting Delegates are expected to attend all NDSA meetings.

7. Alternate Voting Delegates will be responsible for finding his/her own proxy to take the place of a Voting Delegate in his/her absence.

8. If all voting slots are filled, other students may also attend the meetings, however, he/she will not receive any voting privileges.
Final Proposal (Cleaned up for ease in reading):

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7. Any Voting Delegate will be responsible for finding his/her own proxy in his/her absence.

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9. Any Voting Delegate missing two (2) or more NDSA meetings in a semester, or failure to comply with any sections in this article can result in impeachment from the Voting Delegate position if originally confirmed by Student Senate. Impeachment is only valid for Voting Delegate position.