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Supreme Court Efficiency

Whereas, The Justices of the Student Government Association Supreme Court have the power to resolve disputes between branches and decide constitutionality of legislation;

Whereas, the Supreme Court serves as the court of last resort for election issues;

Whereas, it is often difficult to meet the current quorum of seven (7) court justices which inhibits the Supreme Court's ability to hold hearings.

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

That Article 2, Section 4, Clause 2 of the Bylaws be amended to read: "For any case to be heard, five (5) justices must be present. If at least five (5) of the nine (9) justices cannot hear a case, then the Chief Justice will place an alternate on the court. If the Chief Justice is the justice who cannot hear a case, then the most senior justice will preside over the case.

Be it further enacted, that Article 2 Section 4 add the following new Clause:

Clause 6.   Should there be a tied vote, the ruling will default back to the entity that originally formulated the decision.

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