Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill 22-23, 06* }

An Act to Amend the Bylaws section concerning Membership Privileges

Introduced By: President **Ryan Chou** and
First considered this 6**th** day of September in the Year **2022**
Next considered this 13**th** day of September in the Year **2022**

Sponsored By: Senator **Jackson Morris** of the Sophomore Class and
Senator **Brandon Benjamin** of the Sophomore Class

Referred to the senate by **the Committee on Internal Affairs** which recommends its **passage** by a vote of **4** to **0**.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Membership Privileges Bylaws Amendment Act"

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
(b) JHU, Hopkins — The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to Johns Hopkins University.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS
    a. The aim of the SGA Bylaws is to provide clear and coherent guidelines for SGA to follow
    b. Article 4.3.2 MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES currently do not allow non-Members of the Senate to speak during the meeting (or is very unclear about their ability to do so).

(b) PURPOSES
    a. 3To provide clear and fair guidance for the allowing of Members of the Senate to have speaking privileges

SECTION 4. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES BYLAW AMENDMENT

The original text of the section to be amended is as such:

"4.3.2 MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

4.3.2.1 Only Members of the Senate, including Executive Board officers in an ex-officio capacity shall have speaking privileges in the Senate during the consideration of motions.

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The section will read, after amendment, as such:

"4.3.2 MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

4.3.2.1 Only Members of the Senate, including Executive Board officers in an ex-officio capacity shall have speaking privileges when the meeting is in session, with the exception of speaking privileges granted by the Rules Bill for certain sections of the meeting

4.3.2.1.1 Non-Members of the Senate shall have speaking privileges in the Senate at the discretion of the chair, to be signaled with a hand raise.

4.3.2.1.1.1 The Senate can appeal the decision to grant or not grant speaking privileges with a motion, a second, and a majority vote

4.3.2.1.1.2 Any signaling by non-members must be non-disruptive, as determined by the chair

4.3.2.1.1.3 The chair may prohibit any signaling for any period of time at their discretion

4.3.2.1.1.3.1 The Senate can appeal the decision with a motion, a second, and a majority vote"

4.3.2.1.2 The chair can withdraw speaking privileges at their discretion

4.3.2.1.2.1 The Senate can appeal the decision to grant or not grant speaking privileges with a motion, a second, and a majority vote

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.
Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

The Bill hereby **PASSES** by a vote of **26** to **0** with **0** abstentions.

Upon passage, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Senate to be affixed to this bill indicating the Senate's assent and thus officially designated the bill's adoption as law.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Breanna Soldatelli
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Kobi Khong
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Elaina Regier
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Kya Nicholson
Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

Ryan Chou
Introducer of the Bill

Jackson Morris
Co-Sponsor of the Bill

Brandon Benjamin
Co-Sponsor of the Bill