

## **Senate Expansion Act 2025**

### *An Act to Expand Senate Representation*

#### **Preamble**

This Act ensures fair and proportional representation in the Senate by aligning its membership with voter turnout while maintaining a functional and efficient legislative body.

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## **Article 1: Senate Expansion**

### **§1. Amendment to Part 7, §2 of the Constitution**

The current formula for determining the number of Senate seats shall be replaced with the following:

“The number of Senate seats available shall be decided by the equation:

$$5 + (x / 15) = y,$$

where  $x$  represents the total voter turnout for the Senate election in question, and  $y$  represents the number of seats available.

If  $y$  results in a decimal, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. In cases where the decimal is exactly 0.5,  $y$  will be rounded up. The maximum number of Senate seats shall not exceed 20, regardless of voter turnout.”

## **Article 2: Creation of By-Elections**

### **§2. Amendment to Article 3, §4 of the Constitution**

**§2.0.1** In the event that a Senate seat becomes vacant, a by-election shall be held to fill the seat for the remainder of the original term.

#### **§2.1. Eligibility for By-Elections**

**§2.1.1** All eligible voters shall be allowed to vote in the by-election.

**§2.1.2** Candidates for the by-election must meet the same qualifications required for a general Senate election.

#### **§2.2. Timing of By-Elections**

**§2.2.1** By-elections must be initiated within 1 day of the vacancy being declared.

**§2.2.2 Voting must conclude no later than 2 days after the vacancy is declared, ensuring a swift and democratic process.**

### **§2.3 Procedure for By-Elections**

**§2.3.1 The Supervisor of Elections shall oversee the by-election process, ensuring it adheres to the same standards as general elections.**

**§2.3.1.1 A by-election can be announced by the Speaker of the Senate or the Executive, all votes must be validated by the Supervisor of Elections and all conduct relating to the counting and conduction of the election is to adhere to a regular general election.**

**§2.3.2 Ballots shall include all qualifying candidates, including independent candidates and those nominated by political parties.**

### **§2.4. Interim Appointments (If Necessary)**

**§2.4.1 If a by-election cannot be held due to exceptional circumstances (e.g., a state of emergency, senate election), the President may appoint an interim Senator with the approval of the Senate. This appointment shall not exceed 3 days, by which time a by-election must be completed.**

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