

1 **Sponsor(s): Senator Bounds, Senator Smith**
2 **Cosponsor(s): Senator Roy, Secretary Duffy**

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4 *Amendment to the Legislative Bylaws to Change the Procedure for Speaking Privileges*

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6 WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is the official student governing body for
7 Illinois State University;

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9 WHEREAS, Student Government Association’s own constitution reads that “[Students have] a
10 democratic student government in which each student shall have an equal right to participate;”

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12 WHEREAS, the Student Government Association of Illinois State University values the input of
13 its own constituency and student body;

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15 WHEREAS, Roberts Rules, which govern how Student Government Assembly meetings are run,
16 uses vague language that has led multiple associations to interpret whether non-members of the
17 Student Government Association are allowed to speak during assembly meetings;

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19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this bylaw amendment codifies the students’ right and
20 ability to speak during Student Government assemblies;

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22 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the specific changes to be made are listed as
23 follows (elements bolded below are for clarity by emphasis and shall not be bolded in the actual
24 document);

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26 **Article IV, Section 5. Subsection B**

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28 B. Speaking privileges may be granted to any other **person, assembly member or not**, with
29 ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ **one-thirds (1/3)** approval of the Assembly membership present and voting at
30 any time during a meeting.

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34 Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the ## of #####, 2023.

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36 We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this Amendment by the Assembly of the
37 Student Government Association:

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40 Eduardo Monk JR, Student Body President

Megan Fulton, President of the Assembly

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43 I hereunto set my hand in witness and certification of the adoption of this Amendment by the Assembly
44 of the Student Government Association:



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Mikayla Blum, Secretary of the Assembly

Vote: __Y __A __N