

**B F2019.01**

**An Amendment to the First and Eighteenth Chapters of the Bylaws Improving and Clarifying the Process of Amending the LSA SG Constitution**

*A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government*

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**Whereas**, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;<sup>1</sup> and,

**Whereas**, LSA SG utilizes its guiding documents to “structure itself so that it is able to conduct its affairs in an orderly manner”;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, it is necessary on occasion to update and amend the Constitution of LSA SG (hereafter Constitution) in order to better function as a government; and,

**Whereas**, it is proper that any amendment to the Constitution be executed with the consent of the students we aim to serve and represent; and,

**Whereas**, transparency is needed when considering legislation that changes current practices and policies, such as constitutional amendments; and,

**Whereas**, the current two-week period prior to an election date at which a desired constitutional amendment must be voted on by the Government is unnecessarily long, and may preclude the government from acting upon sensible amendments if not proposed soon enough; and,

**Whereas**, the current language of the LSA SG Bylaws (hereafter Bylaws) does not explicitly state that proposed constitutional amendments are considered binding.

**Be it therefore resolved**, the Bylaws be amended to reduce the length of time prior to an election that an amendment is able to be considered; and,

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<sup>1</sup> The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

<sup>2</sup> LSA SG Website, <https://lsa.umich.edu/lsasg/resolutions---governing-documents.html>

**Be it further resolved,** the Bylaws be amended to explicitly state that any constitutional amendment referred to the student body be considered a binding question; and,

**Be it further resolved,** the Bylaws be amended in accordance with the language in Appendix A; and,

**Be it finally resolved,** this Bylaw amendment shall take effect immediately after being passed.