LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

TITLE: Streamlining the Judicial Branch

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Whereas: Student Senate is elected by the student body to represent the voice and opinions of students; and

Whereas: Student Senate is a means by which student concerns are addressed; and

Whereas: The current version of The Baylor University Student Body Constitution states that the Student Body President shall appoint Court Justices and Court Clerks; and

Whereas: It burdens the Student Court with unnecessary bureaucracy; and

Whereas: The Presidential appointment of Court Clerks hinders the efficiency of the Student Court; and

Whereas: The Student Court is more equipped to select Court Clerks; and

Whereas: The Court Clerk position is strictly administrative; and

Whereas: To create a more streamlined process for the appointment of Court Clerks, the proposed amendment is as follows:

Article III Section IV Paragraph 2. Section F. Subsection i. shall read as follows:

Par. 1. Duties and Powers

F. The Student Body President shall be empowered to appoint the following positions:

i. Student Court justices with two-thirds approval of the Student Senate, within five weeks of a vacancy occurring.
Therefore: Be it resolved by the 66th Legislative Session of the Baylor University Student Senate assembled that we call for a Constitutional Amendment to read as proposed.

Furthermore: Should the Student Body President sign the amendment, it shall be subject to ratification by the Student Body through a vote to be conducted within 30 days of the Student Body President’s signing of the bill; and

Furthermore: The Senate recommends that this vote occur on the same date as freshmen elections to minimize additional work for the Electoral Commissioner; and

Furthermore: Should SE 66-03 fail, this Student Senate Enactment shall be declared null and void; and

Furthermore: Copies of this resolution will be sent to Dr. Kevin Jackson, Vice-President for Student Life; Dr. Matt Burchett, Director of Student Activities; and Macy Warburton, Assistant Director of Student Organizations and Leader Development.

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Student Body President                        Date