

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS  
CONGRESSIONAL SESSION LXXVIII

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION XX

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 780309  
SENATE BILL NO. GF07-25

AS INTRODUCED

An act to repeal and replace Congressional Bill No. 700307 and Senate Bill No. GF03-03, "An Act Adopting the Procedure for Compiling and Forwarding UOSA Bills."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Revised Legislative Process Act of 2007".

**SECTION 2.** The purpose of this act is to repeal and replace Congressional Bill No. 700307 and Senate Bill No. GF03-03, "An Act Adopting the Procedure for Compiling and Forwarding UOSA Bills," to streamline and simplify the legislative process.

**SECTION 3.** Congressional Bill No. 700307 and Senate Bill No. GF03-03, "An Act Adopting the Procedure for Compiling and Forwarding UOSA Bills" is hereby repealed and replaced with this Act.

**SECTION 4.** Legislative Process.

- A. Individual House Legislation/Resolutions/Proclamations (Internal Legislation)
  - i. Each House bears the responsibility for printing its own Internal Legislation and giving it to the designated UOSA Staff Assistant, who then shall bear the responsibility for obtaining all appropriate signatures.
- B. Joint Legislation/Resolutions/Proclamations (Joint Legislation)
  - i. Joint Legislation shall first be brought to the Undergraduate Student Congress for consideration. Then, the Joint Legislation shall be forwarded to the Senate for deliberation. If both houses approve the Joint Legislation, the Senate shall have the responsibility of printing it and giving it to the UOSA Staff Assistant, who then shall bear the responsibility for obtaining all appropriate signatures.
    - a. If time is of the essence and/or the Joint Legislation is a UOSA Constitutional amendment, Joint Legislation may first be brought before the Senate with the approval of the Senate Chair and notice given to the Congress Chair.
  - ii. If the UOSA President vetoes the Joint Legislation, the vetoed legislation shall be returned to the chairs of both Houses for reconsideration. If the ten day period lapses without action by the UOSA President, the UOSA Staff Assistant shall

forward the original, indicating the UOSA President's inaction, to the University President.

- iii. Upon receipt, the University President has ten days, excluding Sundays, to either sign or veto the Joint Legislation. If the University President vetoes the Joint Legislation, the vetoed legislation shall be returned to the UOSA Staff Assistant, who then shall inform the UOSA President and the chairs of both Houses. If the University President signs the Joint Legislation, it shall be returned to the UOSA Staff Assistant. If the ten day period lapses without action by the University President, the UOSA Staff Assistant shall request the original be returned. The UOSA Staff Assistant shall then note on the original of the University President's failure to act. A copy of the Joint Legislation shall then be sent to the UOSA General Counsel and the Board of Regents.
- iv. Once enacted, the UOSA Staff Assistant shall inform the UOSA General Counsel to make any and all necessary changes to the UOSACA.

**SECTION 5.** All legislation must be submitted using the attached templates, which shall be kept in the UOSA Share server directory: Legislation\Templates. All legislation must be submitted as a Microsoft Word Document (.doc or .docx). Non-conforming legislation shall be heard at the discretion of the Chair of each house.

**SECTION 6.** All legislation must first be emailed to the Secretary of the originating house. It is the duty of that Secretary, and not of the author, to email the legislation to the Secretary of the other house.

**SECTION 7.** The author(s) of legislation must provide the addresses for all non-OU parties listed for receipt of legislation.

**SECTION 8.** One original of passed legislation shall be printed and signed. Once all necessary signatures have been obtained on the original, it shall be scanned and placed in the UOSA Share server directory: \Legislation\, in subfolders labeled by academic year. The original shall then be placed in the official books of the Legislative Branch.

**SECTION 9.** Timelines.

A. Congress:

- i. Legislation titles must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the Wednesday before the meeting the legislation is to be heard, so it can be assigned to committee.
- ii. The legislation itself must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on the Friday before the meeting the legislation is to be heard, so committees can analyze the legislation during committee meetings. Author attendance is strongly encouraged.
- iii. Author attendance is mandatory at the general meeting which the legislation is heard.

B. Senate:

- i. All legislation must be submitted no later than noon on the Thursday before the meeting the legislation is to be heard.
- ii. Author attendance is mandatory at the meeting in which the legislation is heard.

C. All authors are encouraged to submit legislation and titles earlier than the deadlines.

**SECTION 10.** This Act, when passed in accordance with the UOSA Constitution, shall become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

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Co-Sponsors: Names

Submitted on a motion by: Rep. Burris, seconded by Rep. Biddle  
Action taken by Congress: Passed by Consent.

Verified by Chair of Congress: Sordan McGehee Date: 11-19-07

Submitted on a motion by: Sen. 74, seconded by Sen. 64  
Action taken by Senate: Passed by Consent.

Verified by Chair of Senate: Rebecca Pitt Date: 11/27/07

UOSA President: Keenan Nyman Date: 11/28/07

University President: David L. Boren Date: 12/11/07

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