

1 **Associated Student Government**
2 *University of Arkansas*



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4 *ASG Senate Bill No. 15*

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8 **A Bill to Create a Referendum to Amend the Associated Student**
9 **Government Constitution to Reserve a Seat for International Students**
10 **and Scholars in the ASG Senate**

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12 Whereas, Many of the provisions in the ASG Constitution and ASG
13 Code relating to the structure and function of the ASG Senate
14 are in need of reform; and

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16 Whereas, International Students play a vital role as members of the
17 University of Arkansas community but have historically been
18 underrepresented in the Associated Student Government
19 and the Associated Student Government Senate; and

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21 Whereas, Allotting International Students a seat within the ASG
22 Senate ensures the voice of International Students is heard
23 within the ASG Senate, allowing the Senate to better
24 represent and serve this vital part of our community.

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26 Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate
27 supports a referendum to the University of
28 Arkansas undergraduate student body to
29 amend *Article III – Legislative Branch* and
30 *Article VI – Elections* of the Associated Student
31 Government Constitution to update and
32 improve the structure and operations of the
33 ASG Senate; and

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35 Be it further resolved: A referendum item be added to the upcoming
36 ASG General Election ballot that reads as
37 follows:

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39 Do you support an amendment to the Associated Student Government
40 Constitution to reserve one (1) Seat in the ASG Senate for International
41 Students?
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Article III – Legislative Branch, Section 2 – Composition of the Senate
will be amended, with added text bolded and removed text struck-through,
to read:

Section 2 – Composition of the Senate

Seats in the Senate shall be apportioned as follows:

- A. The Senate shall have exactly fifty-one (51) Senate seats including the Chair of the Senate.
- B. Seats in the ASG Senate shall be apportioned according to a college-based model outlined below:
 - a. Senate seats are apportioned from the following undergraduate colleges: Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences; Fay Jones School of Architecture; J. William Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences; Sam M. Walton College of Business; College of Education and Health Professions; and College of Engineering;
 - b. Each of the six (6) enrollment groups listed in (a) above shall be entitled to one (1) Senate seat. The Chair of the Senate shall constitute the fifty-first (51st) Senate seat;
 - c. The class of newly admitted undergraduate students shall be entitled to five (5) Senate seats to be filled no later than the end of the fourth (4th) week of classes. The definition of a newly admitted student for both elections and voting qualifications shall be that they are either newly admitted or re-admitted for the fall semester based on the student's status with the Registrar's Office;
 - d. **International Students on campus shall be allocated one (1) Senate seat;**
 - e. The remaining ~~thirty-nine (39)~~ **thirty-eight (38)** Senate seats shall be allocated proportionally by population between the enrollment groups each year. That is, each enrollment group will receive its whole percentage (excluding fractional remainders) of the total University student population in Senate seats. If the number of Senate seats distributed based on whole percentages does not add to ~~thirty-nine (39)~~ **thirty-eight (38)** seats, the remaining seats shall be allocated to those enrollment groups with the largest fractional remainders until ~~thirty-nine (39)~~ **thirty-eight (38)** seats are allocated. Students enrolled in more than one (1) college shall be required to designate the enrollment group in which they will vote; and

- f. The University population shall be based on the official University enrollment on record with the Registrar's Office on the eleventh (11th) day of classes in the spring semester;
- C. All Senators shall be elected in publicized, enrollment group-wide or at-large vacancy, secret ballot elections administrated by the OSA in conjunction with ASGJ or appointed through the process outlined in Title IV, Section 5 of the ASG Code. The initial Senate election shall be held in conjunction with the Executive Officer election in the spring semester; and
- D. Quorum for ASG Senate meetings shall be a simple majority of Senators on roll (excluding fractional remainders).

Additionally, if the referendum created by SB9 is approved by the student body and the chancellor, the proposed Article III Section 4 Subsection A will be amended to read:

- A. Prior to the start of the Senate term, any vacant Senate seats except the five (5) seats reserved for the newly admitted class of undergraduate students **and the one (1) seat reserved for international students** shall be filled via the following process:

Be it finally resolved: A copy of this bill be sent to Chief Justice Paige Williams.

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Amendments: _____

Vote Count: Aye 33 Nay 4 Abstentions 5

Legislation Status: Passed ✓ Failed _____ Other _____

Alexander Dennis 2.25.2026
Alexander Dennis, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

Amanda Hux 2.26.2026
Amanda Hux, ASG President Date