Whereas, The purpose of the Constitution and Code of the Associated Student Government (ASG) is to empower students to participate actively in shared governance at the University of Arkansas in a responsible manner; and

Whereas, The Constitution and Code regulate the interactions between the branches of ASG, including the interactions between the ASG Executive Branch and the ASG Legislative Branch, which is comprised of the Senate and the Graduate Student Congress (GSC); and

Whereas, Article I § 6 (D) of the ASG Constitution and Title I § 2 of the ASG Code allow the ASG President to veto legislation passed by the Senate and/or the GSC; and

Whereas, The Constitution and Code constrain the ASG President by forcing them to either sign legislation, thereby actively endorsing the values therein, or veto legislation, which has at times triggered political conflict between the branches of ASG; and

Whereas, The President of the United States and the Governor of Arkansas, in addition to signing or vetoing legislation, may also elect to not sign the legislation, and provided that the legislature is in session, that legislation becomes law after a certain time without the Executive’s signature; and

Whereas, This mechanism empowers the President of the United States and the Governor of Arkansas to allow legislation to pass without forcing them to affirmatively endorse the values of said legislation; and

Whereas, This mechanism would likewise empower the ASG President to govern cooperatively with the Senate and GSC, without forcing them to compromise their ideals or values; then

Be it therefore enacted: That the ASG Constitution reflect the following changes (underlined portions are added; stricken portions are deleted):
Article I – Executive Branch

Section 6 – The Office of President

D. The President shall have the power to veto any legislative action of the ASG Senate or Graduate Student Congress (except resolutions that call for a Student Referenda or summon the ASGJ) provided that the Chair of the Senate and/or Speaker of the Graduate Student Congress is notified of said veto within six (6) calendar days after the legislative action is taken by the ASG Senate or Graduate Student Congress. The President or other Executive Officer shall attend the following ASG Senate or Graduate Student Congress meeting to report and answer questions on the veto. The President shall have a line-item veto on any Appropriations Bill or RSO Funding legislation passed by the ASG Senate or Graduate Student Congress.

1. If the President declines to sign or veto any legislative action of the ASG Senate or the GSC within six (6) calendar days, that legislation shall be immediately enacted without the President’s signature. In the event that any legislative action is neither signed nor vetoed, the President shall notify the Chair of Senate and/or the Speaker of the GSC.

Be it further enacted: That this Bill will be presented to the Student Body as a constitutional referendum during the Spring 2016 General Election.
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Amendments: ________________________________

Vote Count:  Aye _________  Nay _________  Abstentions ______

Legislation Status:  Passed ______  Failed ______  Other ________

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Scout Johnson, ASG GSC Speaker  Date

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Jace Motley, ASG Chair of Senate  Date

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Tanner Bone, ASG President  Date