An Bill:
To Amend the Bylaws to decrease the amount of Representative Assemble Meetings.

Whereas, Article I: Section 4 of the Bates College Student Government states “The Representative Assembly shall meet every week that Bates College is in session during the Fall and Winter semesters.”

Whereas, the Representative Assembly members are concerned that they do not have enough time to look over proposed legislation;

Whereas, RA members are responsible for researching and reviewing proposed legislation to have a prepared and thorough discussion for the upcoming meeting;

Whereas, RA members notify clubs, staff members or students whose presence may be needed in the upcoming RA meeting to answer any questions and concerns by the RA members;

Whereas, legislation passed is overshadowed by rapid occurrence of new legislation proposed at the following meeting; and

Whereas, representative members feel that weekly meetings are unproductive because of lack of time to review and research proposed and passed legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Enacted,

Section 1. That the Article I : Section 4 of the Bates College Student Government be modified in stating “The Representative Assembly shall meet every other week that Bates College is in session during the Fall and Winter Semesters;

Section 2. That Article 5 Section 1 should be modified to “Legislation should be turned in to the Chair of the RA, up until 7 pm of the 10th day before the next RA meetings” and,

Section 3. That Chair of the RA states on the Agenda the next meeting and legislation due dates.

Section 4. That during Pass Week, the charged personnel (i.e. President of Student Body, Committees, etc.) of passed legislation are given a week to inform the right personnel on the recommendations, and requests of the Representative Assembly and then report back to the RA about this legislation at the upcoming meeting.

Section 5. This provision will go into effect for Fall 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Monday, February 26, 2007:
Originally proposed and first reading conducted.

Monday, March 5, 2007:
Second reading conducted and postponed to the following week.

Monday, March 12, 2007:
Amended to add Section 5.
Defeated.