

Madison Nemeth, *Student Union Parliamentarian*

Thomas Davis II, *Judicial Council President*

**AN ORDER TO GAUGE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT OPINION ON ARTICLE XIV,
SECTION 1(A) OF THE CONSTITUTION BY REFERENDUM**

Whereas, the Committee on the Constitution formed a subcommittee with the duty of addressing Article XIV of the Constitution;

Whereas, Article XIV, Section 1(a) only requires a petition to garner “the valid signatures of 200 members of the undergraduate student body” in order for the petition to be referred to the Student Senate;

Whereas, 200 members of the undergraduate student body represents less than 3% of the undergraduate student body as it currently stands;

Whereas, the Committee on the Constitution believes there should be a higher standard of signatures required of petitioners in order to refer a petition to the Student Senate;

Whereas, the Committee on the Constitution believes it is vital to the rights of the undergraduate student body that the Senate shall gauge the opinion from the undergraduate student body regarding an amendment to Article XIV, Section 1(a) of the Constitution;

Whereas, Article XIV, Section 3, grants the Senate the ability to gauge student opinion via referenda;

Whereas, Article III, Section 3(n) of the Constitution grants the Senate the ability to determine the duties of “all positions enumerated in this Constitution,” including Judicial Council, by a two-thirds vote of all Senate members; therefore, be it

Ordered by the Student Senate of the University of Notre Dame du Lac,

- I. That, on recommendation of the Committee on the Constitution, the Student Senate shall gauge opinion from the undergraduate student body through referendum as enumerated by Article XIV, Section 3 of the Constitution.**
- II. The referendum shall include the following question as it pertains to the proposed amendment to Article XIV, Section 1(a),**

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- A. Raise the standard of valid signatures required of petitioners to the Student Senate from 200 to a number between 5-8% of the undergraduate student body (442-707) to be determined by the Student Senate?**
- 1. YES**
 - 2. NO**
 - 3. ABSTAIN**
- III. The Judicial Council shall take swift action to administer the referendum to the undergraduate student body and present the results to the Student Senate.**

It is so ordered.

Vote approved by Chairwoman of the Senate.