Classes May Go In SA Rules Vote

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Rice students will have an opportunity to abolish the election of class officers next year on a Student Association constitutional amendment election to be held later this month.

The abolishment of the officers is one of five proposed amendments approved by the senate Tuesday night. Other proposals involve removing the college presidents from the Senate, limiting the SA Treasurer from being employed by other SA organizations, placing SA impeachment cases in the hands of the Inter-College Court, plus several minor wording changes in the constitution.

If the proposal to abolish class officers is approved, the Senate will establish sub-committees for senior and freshman activities.

The Senate is seeking to remove the college presidents from membership since absence of the presidents from meetings has consistently made assembly of a quorum more difficult for the Senate. Removal of the presidents would leave each college with two elected representatives to the legislative body of the SA.

The proposal concerning the SA treasurer is designed to prevent conflict of interest by prohibiting him from holding a position of financial responsibility with any SA organization. The present treasurer, Don Jones, is also circulation manager for the Thrasher, and sells ads for the Campanile.

Responsibility for trying all impeachment cases submitted by the Student Senate now belongs to the Honor Council. The change to permit Inter-College Court to handle these cases is supported by Honor Council President Paul Brewer, who hopes to restrict the Council entirely to academic problems.

A ¾ majority of students will be required for approval of each of the amendments. The proposals will be listed separately on the ballot to preclude any possible blanket rejection.

No date for student voting on the proposed amendment changes has yet been set.