

331st Student Assembly
Senate Bill 331-006

A BILL

To Use Correct Punctuation

The ' Act

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Morgan J. Brittain (Graduate Arts & Sciences), Senator Matt Swenson (?26)

WHEREAS, undergraduate Student Assembly senators list their names along with their abbreviated class year;

WHEREAS, in the written English language, the apostrophe is used to abbreviate years;

WHEREAS, the tail of an apostrophe goes to the left (');

WHEREAS, an apostrophe with its tail to the right (‘) is not an apostrophe at all but a single quotation mark;

WHEREAS, William & Mary is an institution of higher education that follows the rules of the English language;

WHEREAS, rules should be pushed, challenged, and occasionally flouted;

WHEREAS, breaking this particular rule just looks like a mistake—one that Student Assembly Senators make repeatedly; and

WHEREAS, the accumulation of these errors makes Student Assembly look somewhat unprofessional.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Charges sponsors, co-sponsors, and supporters of bills and resolutions to take the extra half second to correctly format their class year.
2. Charges the Historian of the Senate with correcting incorrectly faced apostrophes during the process of any bill's debate and review period henceforth.