CSC 430/530 - In-class Exercise 2 ER Modeling

#### **Requirements Document**

Design an ER schema for keeping track of information about votes taken in the U.S. House of Representatives during the current two-year congressional session. The database needs to keep track of each U.S. state's Name (e.g., 'Texas', 'New York', 'Louisiana') and include the Region of the state (whose domain is {'Northeast', 'Midwest', 'Southeast', 'Southwest', 'West'}). Each Congress person in the House of Representatives is described by his or her Name, plus the District represented, the Start\_date when the congressperson was first elected, and the political Party to which he or she belongs (whose domain is {'Republican', 'Democrat', 'Independent', 'Other'}). The database keeps track of each Bill (i.e., proposed law), including the Bill\_name, the Date\_of\_vote on the bill, whether the bill Passed\_or\_failed (whose domain is {'Yes', 'No'}), and the Sponsor (the congressperson(s) who sponsored – that is, proposed – the bill). The database also keeps track of how each congressperson voted on each bill (domain of Vote attribute is {'Yes', 'No', 'Abstain', 'Absent'}).

Work in groups of no more than three and discuss pertinent constraints to the proposed system.

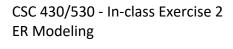
Draw an ER schema diagram for this application. State clearly any assumptions you make.

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ROLE: Software Analyst

(Please discuss with your team the following- You can use google to find the answers)

- 1. How many members are there in the House of Representatives?
- 2. Can the number of congress persons vary by state? If so then what are number of congress persons per states (<a href="https://www.britannica.com/topic/United-States-House-of-Representatives-Seats-by-State-1787120">https://www.britannica.com/topic/United-States-House-of-Representatives-Seats-by-State-1787120</a>)
- 3. How many bills can be passed during a 2-year congressional session?



### **DEVELOPER 1:**

(Given the requirements identify the entities)

## **DEVELOPER 2:**

(Given the requirements identify the relationships)

Entities:

## **STATE**

Name

Region {'Northeast', 'Midwest', 'Southeast', 'Southwest', 'West'}

# CONGRESS PERSON

Name

District

Start Date

Party{'Republican', 'Democrat', 'Independent', 'Other'}

## BILL

Bill Name

Date of Vote

Passed/Failed {'Yes', 'No'}

Relationships:

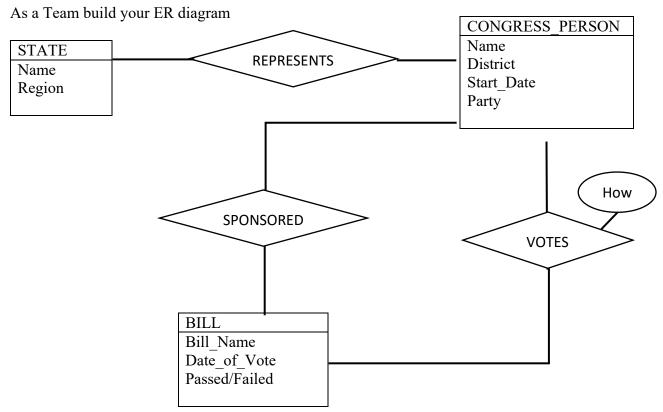
REPRESENTS

### **VOTES**

How {'Yes', 'No', 'Abstain', 'Absent'

**SPONSORED** 

# ALL MEMBERS:



Passed/Failed