

FSU Constitution Article VI

Section 2 REFERENDUM

History: Revised by Constitutional Amendment 10, 56th Senate.

The Student Body may demand a referendum election upon the properly signed petition of at least five hundred (500) students. The Student Body President can also demand a referendum election with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The result of the election shall serve as a mandate for the Student Body Government provided that ten percent (10%) of the Student Body shall have participated in the election. At no time shall a referendum election demand any result that would violate the provisions of the Student Body Constitution or any result contrary to federal, state, local or university law.

Section 3

In cases where Senate votes on a budget that would result in an A&S Fee increase greater than five percent (5%) over that of the previous year (subject to later approval by the Activity and Service Fee Committee) it shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to pass such a budget. This must be done by a roll call vote, and is a special type of referendum election that is uniquely carried out by the Senate.

Section 4

- A. It shall be possible to place questions on the ballot to determine student opinion on issues.
- B. Such questions shall be placed on the ballot in the same manner as referenda, although they shall only require a properly signed petition of at least two hundred (200) students, or a majority vote of the Senate at the request of the Student Body President. However, they may only be used to access student opinion on issues and shall not be binding on Student Government, nor subject to Court Review before being placed on the ballot.

FSU Statutes Chapter 707

707.2 Referendum Elections

The Supervisor of Elections shall conduct Constitutional Amendment and referenda elections during the fall or spring General Elections. The admission of referenda shall be placed on the ballot in accordance with Article VI of the Student Body Constitution, unless a special election is called for in accordance with Chapter 707.1 of the Student Body Statutes. A. The official ballot for a referendum or proposed Constitutional amendment shall give a brief statement regarding the proposed changes prepared by the author. Voters shall be given the opportunity to vote "YES" or "NO" for the proposed changes.