



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# 73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE

Senate Bill #: 77

Primary Sponsor: Little

## A revision to the Student Body Statutes

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY THIRD STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes § 711.6, 713.1, 713.2, 713.3, 713.4 (See attached).

To amend statutes to remove the in-person voting precinct from SGA elections and clarify language around voting precincts and the "No Campaign Zone"

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### CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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- A. No violations will contest or come in contradiction with Section 711.4L.
- B. Schedule 1 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:
  - 1. Removing, obscuring, or damaging another candidate's or political party's campaign materials within a given space such as a bulletin board or general flyer area.
  - 2. Campaigning within a "No Campaign Zone". Such a violation may only be alleged by the Supervisor of Elections, who must ensure that polling site perimeters are clearly marked on the day of an election.
  - 3. Using band or audio amplification within one hundred (100) feet of a voting terminal.
  - 4. Using materials larger than 11" X 17" in academic classrooms.
  - 5. Using adhesive-backed material in an academic building, excluding tape.
  - 6. Having any posted campaign flyers in a classroom.
  - 7. Using Residence Halls for campaigning purposes and being within fifteen (15) feet of entrances or exits for campaigning purposes.
  - 8. Using chalk in any form for campaigning as defined in Section 701.1 A.
  - 9. Engaging in any action against Chapter 709 and Chapter 710 of the Student Body Statutes, including but not limited to violations of posting policies.
  - 10. Failing to remove campaign materials within twenty-four (24) hours of the closing of the polls.
  - 11. Submitting an incomplete financial statement, consistent with 710.2 G.
- C. Schedule 2 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:
  - 1. Bringing false or malicious charges against another candidate or political party.
  - 2. The issuing or utilization of any newspaper article, social media posting, video, posters, placards, signs, signboards, leaflets, folders, handbills, flyers, banners, t-shirts, buttons, pain, handwritten announcements, audio announcements, or circulars of any size and consistency that is publicly libelous against a candidate for an elected office of the student body.

- a. This shall apply to political party's executive board members, candidates, and/or dues-paying members in the current semester.
  3. Defacing or damaging poll booths or University election related material.
  4. Campaigning prior to one (1) week before the election.
  5. Performing an activity that would place another party in violation.
  6. Offering goods or services in exchange for votes, not including campaign materials as specified in Chapter 701.1 E of the Student Body Statutes.
  7. Using the past and/or present SGA logo on campaign items.
  8. Utilizing any Student Government owned equipment for express endorsement or support for or against any candidate, platform, political party, or ballot item.
  9. Vandalism or any unauthorized marking of university or private property for campaign purposes, other than poll booths or election related materials.
  10. Exceeding the number of votes cast on a single non-University owned computer as specified by Chapter 713.4 H.
  11. Students will not be able to install a de-facto polling site with multiple computers not supervised by SGA for the purpose of garnering votes on or off campus.
- D. Schedule 3 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:
1. Submitting a falsified or fraudulent individual or final expense statements. This includes political parties or individuals failing to submit a complete final expense statement by the Friday following the election at 4pm.
- E. Schedule 4 Violations of this Code shall be assigned as follows:
1. Candidates are responsibility for all authorized campaign expenses made on their behalf. All candidates of a political party are responsible for the political party's expenses. Any candidate or political party that exceeds the campaign limits established in this title shall be held responsible for the commission of a Schedule 4 Violation.
  2. Depriving poll sites of ballots or destroying ballots. This shall include electronic voting materials of ballots as well as tampering with hard drives, computer terminals, disks, CDs, or ballot boxes.

3. Any attempt, other than tampering with election machinery, to perpetrate a fraudulent election. This shall include, but is not limited to, providing false information regarding filing or elections procedures, voting more than once, or attempting to vote with another person's student identification card.
4. Providing another individual or group with, or receiving, personal login information (FSUID and password) in which they use to cast fraudulent votes.

#### 713.1 Placement

- A. "Voting terminal" shall be any computer terminal on the FSU Campus Intranet - ICP network, where the Supervisor of Elections can ensure and enforce voter privacy and identify verification, excluding any Fraternity or Sorority houses or private establishments. In the case that there are more candidates than there are seats for election to the Campus Recreation Board or Oglesby Union Board the total number of seats up for election shall be considered as contested.
- B. Political parties and individuals shall be prohibited from campaigning within the designated "No Campaign Zone" at each polling site.
- C. "No Campaign Zone" shall be defined as the area twenty-five (25) feet away from any voting terminal, or as otherwise reasonably specified by the Supervisor of Elections. This shall include University owned computer lab or library and the area within twenty-five (25) feet of its doors, as well as any dedicated computer laboratory used for elections. The Supervisor of Elections shall mark with RED duct tape or with chalk the words, "No Campaign Zone" in front of voting terminals
- D. In the event of an electronic failure of longer than two (2) hours total, the Supervisor of Elections shall extend the election time from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the next day. The Student Senate shall appropriate the necessary funds on the Election Day in question.

#### 713.2 Recall Elections

- A. A minimum of one (1) online poll shall be open in the event of a recall election of the following officials:
  - Student Body President
  - Student Body Vice President
  - Student Body Treasurer
  - Oglesby Union Board Members
  - Senior Class Council Officers
  - Campus Recreation Board Members
  - Black Student Union President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary

#### 713.3 Hours

- A. Online polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of election.
- B. The Supervisor of Elections may extend poll hours for a period not to exceed two (2) hours.

#### 713.4 Polling Procedures

- A. The Supervisor of Elections shall ensure that there shall be no electioneering or campaign materials within the "No Campaign Zone" as specified in Chapter 713.1 C of the Student Body Statutes. The Supervisor of Elections shall be authorized to remove any campaign materials posted in violation of this rule.
- B. Bands, loud speakers, and any other use of audio amplification for campaigning shall be prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of any voting terminal.
- C. Voters shall be entitled to vote in privacy. No person may vote on behalf of another (except to assist a willing disabled voter, in which case the intent of the voter must be followed, subject to the supervision of the election staff) or require login  
Information for anyone, force anyone to vote, not vote, cast a specific vote, or force anyone to campaign against their will.
  - 1. The Student Disability Resource Center shall offer special needs ballots if requested by a special needs student. The ballot must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections, in a sealed envelope, by the end of the voting period.
- D. No candidate or person closely affiliated with a political party shall serve as an election official.
- E. The maximum amount of votes to be cast on any one personally owned computer is four (4). This excludes University owned and operated computers.