



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73rd STUDENT SENATE

Senate Bill #: 80

Primary Sponsor: Guillamont, Stewart

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 § 702.2 (See attached).

To amend statutes stating that votes cannot be changed after cast, and clarifying formatting.

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702.2 Duties and Powers of the Supervisor of Elections

- A. Ensures political parties in accordance with the Statutes.
- B. Ensure that the qualifications of candidates are within three academic days of the Filing deadline.
- C. Employs at least two (2), not more than three (3) impartial Deputy Supervisors to serve an election. Appoint at least one (1), no more than two (2) Election Assistants, as necessary beginning two (2) weeks prior to the end of Election Day, to operate as impartial assistants with information sessions, polls from opening to closing time, and assist the Office of the Election. Employ election assistants, as necessary beginning three (3) days prior to the end of the Election Day, to operate the poll(s) from opening to closing time and assist the Office of Elections.
 - 1. Hire, train, assign duties to, and supervise the Deputy Supervisor(s); obtain Senate confirmation for Deputy Supervisor(s).
 - 2. Hire, train, assign duties to, and supervise Election Assistants.
 - 3. Dismiss and promptly replace any Deputy Supervisor or Election Assistants due to malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance.
- D. Creates and implements marketing strategies to improve voter turnout for all SGA elections.
 - 1. At least two (2) weeks prior to the Elections, the Supervisor of Elections must advertise available seats, deadlines, voting site(s), and election date.
 - 2. The ballot items must be posted on the website, as well as the Approved Final Expense Statements of the political parties and individuals prior to the certification of elections.
- E. Enforces the Election Code subject to approval of the Elections Commission when appropriate.
- F. Verifies the fair market value of each campaign expense, discount or donation through various means, including but not limited to job quotes and receipts.
- G. Verifies the Final Expense Statement.
- H. Refers questions of interpretation of the Election Code to the Student Supreme Court. The Student Supreme Court must render a written advisory opinion within twenty-four (24) hours of any submission of a request for an interpretation of the Election Code.
- I. Supervises the approval of campaign materials. The Supervisor of Elections shall keep records of all election results, financial information, and campaign materials. All records shall be kept for a minimum of three (3) years.
- J. Notifies all candidates via e-mail within 24 hours of the decision to hold a Special Election. At this time, the Supervisor of Elections will inform the candidates of the date, time, and circumstances of the election.
- K. Provides detailed descriptions and procedures for the filing of candidates in written forms for prospective candidates. Publish procedures and available offices at least one (1) week prior to the filing deadline on the SGA website, as well as make said

documents readily available in the Office of Elections.

1. Ensure the publication of the election date, time, polling location(s), and appropriate procedures for voting on the SGA website. They must also have written copies of the unofficial ballot available and posted outside the SGA Accounting and Advising Office on Election Day.

2. Ensure the publication of the official ballot, referenda, and constitutional amendments, a week before the elections on the Student Government Association Website necessary SGA-related platforms. They must also have written copies available and posted outside the SGA Accounting and Advising Office and the polling stations on Election Day.

3. Ensure the publication of the unofficial elections results no later than 48 hours after the close of polls on the Student Government Association website and necessary SGA-related platforms.

4. Ensure the publication of the dates and times of the deadlines for the declaration of candidacy for an elected office a week prior to the deadline for filing of intent to run for elected office on the Student Government Association Website and necessary SGA-related platforms.

L. Disqualify candidates or political parties, who make false statements regarding qualifications for office, who forge signatures on applications, or who fail to follow campaign collections statutes as outlined in 710.4.

M. Hosts an SGA sponsored executive debate every Spring semester that will include the Student Body President, Vice President, and Treasurer candidates. The debate must take place during campaigning on any of the seven days prior to the election date. In the event that there is no opposition, it shall be the Supervisor's responsibility to implement an executive question and answer event.

1. It shall be the Supervisor's responsibility to include questions specifically for each candidate and their respective position.

2. It shall be the Supervisor's responsibility to notify all candidates for office of the event details in writing including the time, date, venue, and questions that will be asked, no less than five (5) school days prior to the event, as well as request their attendance and participation at the event.

3. It shall be the Supervisor's responsibility to advertise the event to the student body no less than five (5) school days prior to the event. The debate advertisement must include the date, time, and place of the debate.

4. The Supervisor of Elections shall allot a portion of the debate for questions from students in attendance to the candidates. The questions presented to each candidate shall be screened on-site by a committee comprised of the Supervisor of Elections, and one representative for each candidate participating in the debate. Questions shall only be asked once they have received unanimous support from said committee. The Supervisor of Elections shall ensure that decorum is upheld during questioning.

5. An Executive Question and Answer Event occurs when the Spring Semester candidates are given the opportunity to address a set of questions. The set of questions shall be done by the Supervisor of Elections and shall be no more than six questions. Two days prior to the debate the Supervisor of

Elections will open up a form for students to submit questions; The Supervisor of Elections and Deputies will review the submitted questions and choose no more than six to be asked at the question and answer event.

N. Declares candidates or voting blocks of any election to be elected by acclamation if an election is uncontested at the deadline of declaration of candidacy filing, pending the resolution of any candidacy controversies to be resolved by the Elections Commission, Supervisor of Elections, or other pertinent authority. Candidates who fall under this provision may be excluded from the ballot at the discretion of the Supervisor of Elections.

O. Invalidates ballots and parts thereof cast contrary to the Student Body Statutes.

1. The Supervisor of Elections shall not hold the capability to change **legally cast** votes after being cast.

P. Maintains, as public record, in the Supervisor of Elections Office, the final result and ballots of all elections.

Q. Declares results valid and certify an election.

R. Declares an election invalid when they are unable to validate the unofficial and final results of an election based on the Rules of Procedure as outlined in Title VII.

S. The Supervisor of Elections of the Deputy Supervisors must review and decide on the approval or denial of campaign materials within twenty-four (24) hours of submission, excluding non-business days. This review shall be in accordance with Chapter 702. L of the Student Body Statutes. The Supervisor of Elections shall record the description of each item used, the quantity used, and the prices based on receipts. (Both discounted and fair market value of each item and the total cost).

T. The Supervisor of Elections shall have the authority to change the Declared Seat Number for Candidates to the Student Senate and Congress of Graduate Students if all of the following criteria is met:

1. The number of candidates who filed for that division is equal to or less than the number of seats allocated for that semester's election.
2. All filed candidates for that division have been properly contacted about the change by the Supervisor.
 - a. No earlier than three (3) days after filing closes
 - b. No later than twenty-four (24) hours before the starting time of the election day
3. No candidates show disapproval to themselves of being moved to a different seat number than they originally filed for.
4. There remains no outstanding appeals for qualifications of candidates in that division as outlined in 704.3 A.