

# Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

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**Purpose & Description (Use back if more space is needed)**

A Revision to the Student Body Statutes Chapter 700, the Election Code

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### 701.1 Definitions

Q. Unofficial election results - the election results announced in Senate and posted on the door of the Office of Elections.

R. Final election results - all votes of an election that have been verified by the Office of Elections as outlined by 711.4.

S. Official election results - the Final election results after all final expense statements have been approved and there are no outstanding appeals and/or alleged violations.

### 702.2

#### C. Appoint a Secretary.

1. Appointment: The Elections Commission Secretary shall be selected by a majority vote of the Elections Commission.

#### 2. Duties:

a. Record the minutes of the Elections Commission

702.3 A : A Supervisor of Elections shall be appointed by the Student Body President and confirmed by the majority vote of the Student Senate, by the first Senate of the fall Semester by the end of the spring semester, no later than the last senate meeting of the Summer.

702.3 A 1: A Supervisor of Elections must be appointed no later than three (3) weeks prior to any election, the last week of the summer and confirmed at the first Student Senate meeting of the fall semester. If for some reason the Supervisor of Elections leaves office within three (3) weeks of an election, the Deputy Supervisor of Elections shall assume the responsibilities of the Supervisor of Elections in the interim. A Deputy Supervisor of elections must be appointed by the Student Body President immediately upon such circumstances occurring.

702.3 A 3. The Internal Affairs Committee shall administer the same certification exam used for the Elections Commission appointments to the Supervisor of Elections and the Deputy Supervisor of Elections.

#### 702.4 Elections Commission Secretary

A. Appointment: The Elections Commission Secretary shall be selected by a majority vote of the Elections Commission.

#### B. Duties:

1. Record the minutes of the Elections Commission meetings.

703 H. Hire, train, assign duties and supervise the Deputy Supervisor(s) and poll workers; obtain Senate confirmation for Deputy Supervisors. Hire, train, assign duties and supervise poll workers.

703 M. During campaign weeks shall look for and accept reports of Elections Code violations appeals and reports of alleged violations of the Elections Code.

703 I 3. Publish final election results in a paper of general campus circulation no later than 48 hours after certification of the elections four (4) school days after the close of polls, or at the earliest opportunity if no such newspaper is available to be published at that time.

703 N. The Office of the Supervisor of Elections shall be open for a period of three (3) hours a day (which do not have to be consecutive), ~~from three (3) weeks prior to the election~~ starting from when the date of the election is set until certification of the election and shall be staffed by a Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor of Elections. The office hours must be posted on the door of the Office of Elections and on the elections website.

703 N.1 The Supervisor of Elections' hours shall ~~not exceed~~ be a minimum of twenty-five (25) paid hours per week during the aforementioned time period in the three (3) period prior to the election. In the operational weeks prior to this three (3) week period, the Supervisor of Elections' hours shall be a minimum of ten (10) hours a week.

703 N 2. The Deputy Supervisors of Elections hours shall not exceed ~~twenty (20)~~ twenty-five (25) paid hours per week during the aforementioned time period.

703 P 4. The Deputy Supervisor of Elections shall accept and screen student questions in written form prior to the start of the debate. The Supervisor of Elections shall read the questions at an appropriate time during the debate.

703 W. The ballot and all ballot items must be posted on the website, as well as the Approved Final Expense Statements of the parties and individuals, prior to the certification of elections results.

703 X. The Supervisor of Elections has the right, based on the Student Body Election Code, to decide whether an alleged violation shall be forwarded to the Elections Commission. Notice of such a decision must be given to the party or individual filing the violation within twenty-four (24) hours. This decision can be appealed to the Elections Commission according to 702.2 of the Elections Code.

704.4 D. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the fall election by majority vote. The acting chairperson of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the election in accordance with 704.4.

705.5 A. The Rules and Calendar Committee shall set the date of the spring election by majority vote. The acting chairperson of the Rules and Calendar Committee shall sponsor the resolution setting the date of the election in accordance with 705.5.

711.1 C. "No campaign zone" shall be defined as the area twenty-five (25) feet away from the voting terminal, or as otherwise reasonably specified by the Supervisor of Elections. The Supervisor of Elections shall mark with RED duct tape or with chalk the words, "No Campaign Zone" in front of the ~~Robert Manning Strozier Library~~ official polling site. This shall include the entirety of any dedicated computer laboratory used for elections.

711.1 D 1. The polling site shall be located in the Student Union. The polling site and terminals shall be located sufficiently far from Legacy Walk so that it is not included in the "No Campaign Zone."

711.4 G When voting at an official polling site, Voters shall use a valid FSU Card as a student voter registration card. The photograph depicted on the card must match the student using it.

713.1 A. After ~~certification of the results~~ have been verified by the Supervisor of Elections and after all if any appeals and violations are heard and decided upon the Supervisor of Elections shall release the ~~official final election results of the election.~~

713.1 B. All announcements of the final election results shall include a statement that the results may be challenged to the Elections Commission as specified in Chapter 702.2 of the Student Body Statutes.

713.1 C. The Supervisor of Elections shall prepare and distribute a press release announcing the ~~final~~ official election results, campaign expenditures, and type and quantity of violations no later than the Tuesday following the certification of the election.

713.2 C. Certificates of Election shall be given to a candidate when 701.1 O, R, and S have been fulfilled, in a form ~~prescribed~~ presented by the Supervisor of Elections.

715.4. A All alleged violations and appeals shall be brought to the Supervisor of Elections in accordance with Chapter 703 M of the Student Body Statutes. If parties other than the Supervisor of Elections are alleging the violations, then the parties shall directly present their case to the Elections Commissions, unless they wish to be represented by the

Attorney General, in which case the following additional procedures apply, as defined in subsections "B" and "C" below.

715.4 G. All alleged violations and appeals must be presented to the Supervisor of Elections either electronically or by a standard form to be available outside the door of the office and to print online for referral to the Election Commission by the end of two (2) business days from their discovery. The final deadline for all alleged violations and appeals to be filed by and individual or party for a particular election is ~~36~~ 48 consecutive hours after the close of polls.

715.4 G 1. The Supervisor of Elections will have until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before inauguration to submit any alleged violations and appeals.

717.1 Students or political parties who show actual injury shall have standing to contest the results of any election on grounds within or outside the scope of the Election Code until 8:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election.