



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Date: 4/1/2017

Senate Bill: 49

Sponsor(s) Reiter

Purpose & Description (Use extra sheet of paper if more space is needed)

This bill shall be known as the "Constitutional Amendment and Referendum Review Revision Act of 2017."

This statute change shall clarify the process outlined in Chapter 506, remove all inconsistencies currently present, make the process more transparent and efficient, and prevent a loophole currently present allowing any proposed provisions from being placed on the ballot without adequate review.

Approved for First Reading _____

Statute Number 506 Strike See Attached Statute Number 506

Insert See Attached

Senate Judiciary
Chairperson Passed
Failed
Date: _____

Senate Action
Passed
Failed
Date: _____

Chapter 506 Review of Constitutional Amendments and Referendum

- A. Title and Purpose
1. This act shall be called the "Student Supreme Court Constitutional Amendment and Referendum Review Act of 1996," hereinafter referred to as the "Court Review Act".
 2. The purpose of this act is to provide for an effective procedure for the review of all constitutional amendments and referenda, collectively referred to as "provisions" for the purpose of this chapter, before the provisions are placed on the ballot as a means to insure that all provisions voted on by students are fair and not deceptive in terms of the provision's language, and do not violate any federal, state, or local law, including the Student Body Constitution and Statutes.
- B. ~~All proposed constitutional amendments and referenda provisions shall be reviewed by the Student Supreme Court for vagueness and inconsistency with Federal and State laws and regulations, within twenty one (21) fourteen (14) days of being submitted through the methods outlined in the Student Body Constitution receipt, before the Senate approved the measure(s) to be placed on the ballot.~~
1. The decision of the Court shall be advisory in regards to the clarity and legality of the provision only. This advisory shall be made available to the public and published on the Student Government Website. If a bill or constitutional amendment is amended after an opinion has been rendered, said bill must be resubmitted for a new opinion. In no case may the Supreme Court prevent the student body be prevented from voting on a proposed constitutional amendment provision from the ballot unless such amendment is found to ~~clearly~~ violate federal, state, or local law, including the Student Body Constitution and Statutes. Nor has it the authority to overturn the passage of a constitutional amendment, except in the aforementioned circumstance.
 2. All Statements of Intent regarding proposed constitutional amendments and referenda shall be reviewed by the Student Supreme Court to ensure that the language of the statement adequately and fairly reflects the intent of the ballot proposal.
 - a. No proposed ~~constitutional amendment or referendum provision~~ shall be placed on the ballot until the adequacy and fairness of the Statement of Intent is approved.
 - b. ~~In the event that the Student Supreme Court does not offer an opinion within 21 days of receipt of the Statement of Intent, the statement and its accompanying proposed constitution amendment or referendum shall be considered approved and be immediately certified for placement on the ballot.~~
- C. If a provision does not satisfy the requirements enumerated in Chapter 506 B A(2), as reviewed by the Student Supreme Court, the sponsors shall have an

opportunity to correct the deficiencies and resubmit the provision to the Student Supreme Court. The Student Supreme Court shall submit a written opinion detailing the findings of its review.

1. If the Student Supreme Court rules that a provision is inconsistent with Federal or State Law, it must include in its opinion exactly which Federal or State Law the provision is alleged to be inconsistent with, as well as cite any relevant precedents if the application of said law is not immediately obvious.
- D. For the purpose of this provision, an election shall not be postponed if the Student Supreme Court has not reviewed a provision before the election.
- ~~E. In the event that the Student Supreme Court cannot review a provision, a provision shall be reviewed under this chapter by a temporary emergency panel consisting of three officials from the Judicial Branch, appointed by the Senior Judicial Official.~~
- F. If a ~~constitutional amendment or referenda~~ provision is not reviewed within ~~twenty one (21)~~ fourteen (14) days of receipt, it ~~may~~ shall be voted upon by the Senate only to determine its compliance with Chapter 506 A (2). If the Senate votes on the proposed provision's compliance, it shall take a two-thirds (2/3) in the negative for the measure to not be placed on the ballot.
1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court may request, in writing to the Student Senate, an extension of ~~21 days~~ fourteen (14) additional days to allow time to adequately review a provision if and only if there is more than one provision being reviewed under this chapter ~~under official consideration by the Supreme Court.~~
- G. If a provision is not reviewed and approved through the procedure outlined in this chapter in time for an election it shall not be placed on that ballot for consideration.



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
69TH STUDENT SENATE

Allocation, Revision or Transfer Form

Amount: \$3,000 Date: 4 / 4 / 2017

Senate Bill 50

Sponsor(s) Barker

From: _____
Account Name Category

To: _____
Account Name Category

Or

Within: Women's Student Union

From Contractual To: Expense
Account/Category Account/Category

Purpose & Description: (Use back of form for more space if needed)
To purchase promotional items.

Organization Director Kaylynn Toomey Phone Number: 5616747531

Itemized Expenditures: Only use this area if ALL expenditures can be listed.
If ALL do not fit then use a separate sheet of paper and staple
to this form when turning in.

Quantity	Description	Unit Price
	Total	0

Senate Finance Committee Chairman
Passed Failed Date: _____

Senate Action:
Passed Failed Date: _____

Other _____

Other _____



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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

Date: 3/31/2017

Senate Bill: 51

Sponsor(s) Dawkins

Purpose & Description (Use extra sheet of paper if more space is needed)
To amend Chapter 716.1 of Student Body Statutes to clarify the amount of time needed to complete work hours assigned as part of violation of Elections Code

Approved for First Reading _____

Statute Number _____ Strike _____ Statute Number _____

Insert _____

Senate Judiciary
Chairperson Passed
Failed
Date: _____

Senate Action
Passed
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Date: _____

Chapter 716 Penalties

716.1 The Elections Commission shall tabulate violations as follows:

- A. Violations shall be adjudicated by the appropriate body as they arise as much as reasonable efficiency will allow, but decision to expel or disqualify a candidate from the ballot shall not be executed until after the final closing of the polls during a general election.
- B. Fines must be paid within two (2) business days of the appropriate body's decision. If the member or political party does not pay the fines within the allotted time then the individual or the political party shall be disqualified for candidacy.
- C. Any work hour penalties shall be assigned by the Supervisor of Elections and the Director of Student Affairs in conjunction with a University Department. The violator shall not be permitted to perform a project not assigned by the Supervisor of Elections and SGA Director of Student Affairs.
 - 1. The violator shall coordinate a day by which the work hours shall be completed by with the Director of Student Affairs and the Supervisor of Elections. Work hours do not have to be consecutively completed.
- D. Assigned work hours must be completed and certified prior to installation. Any penalties as a result from violations shall not be eligible for ServScript.
- E. Any subsequent violations shall be served consecutively and not concurrently.
- F. Political parties as specified in Section 710.4 of the Student Body Statutes shall not be eligible for work hour penalties unless the political party has spent less than two-hundred (\$200) dollars in campaign expense.

716.2 Schedule 1 Violation Penalties

- A. The following penalties shall be levied against those who have been found responsible for committing a Schedule 1 violation.
 - 1. For the first instance of sustained Schedule 1 violation, a ten dollar (10.00) fee or two (2) approved work hours shall be levied against an individual or a \$25.00 fee shall be levied against a political party, whichever shall have been found responsible.
 - 2. For the second instance of a sustained Schedule 1 Violation, a \$20.00 fee or 4 approved work hours shall be levied against an individual or a \$38.00 fee shall be levied against a political party, whichever shall have been found responsible.

April 1, 2017

Resolution

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Sponsored by: Senators Reiter and Dawkins

WHEREAS: Rule 15.2 of the Senate Rules and Procedures states, "These Rules may be permanently amended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate," therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 69TH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
THAT:

Rule 4 and Rule 8 of Senate Rules and Procedures be amended to the following:

RULE FOUR – Legislative Officers

- 4.1 The President shall be responsible for the duties of all vacant Senate Officers.
- 4.2 The Senate Program Assistant shall be the official secretary of the Student Senate and shall perform all duties prescribed to that position by Statute and these rules.
- 4.3 The Parliamentarian shall advise the Senate on matters of procedure and pertinent laws, statutes, and constitutional provisions and enforce the rules relating to procedure. The Parliamentarian shall serve at the discretion of the President and shall perform any other duties that the President shall determine to be necessary.
- 4.4 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order in the Senate Chambers under the direction of the President or other presiding officer(s). The Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce the rules relating to conduct within the Senate Chambers. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the Senate Program Assistant in other matters that the President shall determine to be necessary.
- 4.5 The Senate Clerk shall be responsible for distributing legislation, ballots, messages and other literature to Senators within the Chamber. The Clerk shall also perform any other duties that the Senate President shall determine to be necessary.
- 4.6 Legislative Aides shall assist Senators as needed in the Senate Chambers and during Committee Meetings, draft Legislative Aide Reports after each Senate meeting, and compile research for proposed measures as requested. The Legislative Aides shall also perform any other duties that the Senate President or Senate President Pro-Tempore shall determine to be necessary.
 - a. Students seeking to become Legislative Aides shall attend a Senate meeting and fill out a Legislative Aide Intent form. This shall be posted on the Student Government Website.
 - b. Legislative Aides shall be confirmed by the Senate by unanimous consent.
 - c. The term of all Legislative Aides shall begin after the inauguration of the newest class of Senators and end at the next inauguration. Prospective Legislative Aides may apply anytime during this period.
 - d. The Legislative Aide program shall be overseen by the Senate President Pro-Tempore.
 - e. There shall be a monthly meeting with all Legislative Aides held by the Senate President Pro-Tempore or a designee.
- 4.7 The Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, Clerk, Legislative Aides and any additional appointed legislative officers shall be appointed by the President from outside the

membership of the Senate and shall be subject to confirmation from the Senate.

~~8.13 Senators may appoint a legislative aide to assist them. Legislative aides do not need to be confirmed but must be administered the oath prescribed in statute.~~

March 22, 2016

Resolution

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Sponsored by: Senators Reiter and Steinberg

WHEREAS: Chapter 802 of statutes defines the general guidelines and restrictions on expenditures, and

WHEREAS: Chapter 802.3 of statutes states: "No A&S monies shall be dispersed to pay for previous expenditures without prior approval... This clause may be waived by an appeal in the form of a resolution to the Senate Finance Committee... The appeal must pass the Finance Committee by three-fourths (3/4) and receive a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Student Senate..." and

WHEREAS: DREAM was allocated funds for airfare from the Resource for Travel Allocation Committee to go on their service trip to the Dominican Republic February 24-27, 2017, and

WHEREAS: Student Body Treasurer Gibson had approved the use of Activity and Service Fees to go towards this trip, and

WHEREAS: The Treasurer of DREAM did not fill out all the necessary forms required by the SGA Accounting Office meaning at this time a reimbursement cannot be provided in the total amount of \$1400.00, and

WHEREAS: The appeal must include a letter of explanation as to why the expense did not receive pre-approval as well as the financial statement and expense reports, which is attached, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 69TH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

This appeal shall be granted and funds be reimbursed retroactively as allowed by statutes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

DREAM shall not be allowed to seek any kind of reimbursement for funds spent retroactively again for the remainder of this fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Alfredo Cortez, Student Body Treasurer

Kylan Simpson, DREAM President

Corey Wheeler, DREAM Treasurer

Danielle Acosta, SGA Director

Carolyn Harris, SGA Assistant Director

Kim Dicks, SGA Business Manager

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Aniqua Hendricks and I serve as the community service for Dream. Dream is a community service based organization that was founded on the great Dr. Martin Luther King's dream of uniting all people regardless of our differences with service to all mankind. Dream has participated in a myriad of community service events in the Tallahassee community. Throughout the ten years that we have been in existence we have fed people experiencing homelessness, marched alongside women fighting to be heard, walked hand in hand with adults living with a disability, taught preschoolers how to read, held clothing drives for children in Haiti, mentored low-income youth, worked to clean the community, and raise money to support an under funded philanthropy at the end of every year. This past year we took our very first community service trip to the Dominican Republic to serve the small community of Puerto Plata at a local school called Cuesta Barrosa. During this service trip, volunteers experienced service to a third world country from an international perspective as well as develop as transformational leaders through this culturally enriched experience. We taught English classes, built bookshelves, did educational crafts, and sorted books to be distributed to local schools that have none. By going on this service trip, Dream hoped to bring back a few things to the FSU community. First we wanted to offer an opportunity to serve internationally to students from different parts of campus that would never have been able to go otherwise. Secondly we hoped to expose these students to the amazing volunteer programs available in the Dominican Republic during the Summer and share that same information with students when we return. Thirdly, we are trying to introduce the Dream Project to our Center for Global Engagement as well as the International Programs Center in the hopes of offering more international, educational and service related opportunities for FSU students. Lastly, we would like to continue spreading the message to different groups and individuals on campus who may want to take a gap year after graduating or participate in the Moellership Program at FSU as an option for a project to work on in the Dominican Republic. Going to a new country is not only scary, it's hard to know who to trust. But after we have developed such a great bond with the organization in the DR and

we know the amazing nine programs they have to offer, we want to ensure that FSU is aware and will be knowledgeable of those same opportunities they can take advantage of.

With all of that being said, Dream was more than grateful to receive funding from SGA to go on this trip through the Resource Travel and Allocations Committee. After completing all necessary steps, we were granted \$1,400 to help us afford our airline tickets. Somewhere along the way, communication was lost between the Dream Treasurer and the Accounting Office. As community service chair, I assumed the remaining online forms and paperwork would be taken care of. However, when I contacted the treasurer he expressed that he needed assistance completing the forms. With limited time we were able to get everything in but it wasn't until after we returned from our trip. We communicated with the past Treasurer, Lee Gibson about the status of our application however the new administration was elected and communication was lost once again. In summation, Dream is asking for a reimbursement for the funds we spent on the trip. All forms have been completed and receipts from the trip have been turned into the Accounting Office. Upon being contacted by the Accounting Office, we were informed that this was only viable way to actually receive the funds that were approved to receive prior. We truly hope to get this situation figured out so we can focus on planning our annual Philanthropy Ball for an under-funded non-profit organization. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the trip or the financial process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,



Aniqua Hendricks

Dream Community Service Chair

Resolution

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Sponsored by: Senators Bousbar, Steinberg

WHEREAS: Senate Rules of Procedure 15.3 states "Any amendment to these rules shall be presented to the Senate in the form of a resolution," and

WHEREAS: Any permanent amendment of the rules requires a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY NINTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The following rules be amended as follows:

5.1 Committee Appointments: The President shall appoint all committees of the Student Senate. The Senate body may request the President to reconsider committee assignments by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all Senate committees.

- a. The Pro Tempore shall serve as an ex-officio voting member of the Senate Budget Committee.
- b. Ex-Officio members shall not be considered for the purpose of determining quorum, unless they have been granted the right to vote by the chair of the committee or these Rules.
- c. If the Senate President is absent during a committee meeting the Senate President Pro Tempore shall have the capability to serve as an ex-officio member of that committee.