

Senate Bill 17-06

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A BILL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE TO AMEND TITLE V,
SECTION 105 TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COUNSELING SESSIONS FOR ASB OFFICER
AND PERSONALITY ELECTION CANDIDATES, WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

Section 105. Elections, Dates, and Notification Procedures

A) Elections Process

All elections of the Associated Student Body shall be administered online and deemed as an electronic election through personal MyOleMiss accounts.

Only electronic ballots shall be valid unless the Attorney General activates emergency voting, or an eligible voter fills out the paper ballot that shall be located within the Attorney General's office.

B) Election Dates

All elections must be held with an initial election on a recommended date by the Attorney General and any run-off election, if necessary, two days following the General Election.

Subject to the specific provisions of the ASB Constitution and ASB Code or in accordance with the Attorney General, sole authority to set the date of an election shall vest in the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General of Elections.

The Fall General Election and the Spring General Election must be held in accordance with the period set forth in the Constitution and under provisions of this Title.

C) Notification of Available Positions and Honors

Public notice for all offices and honors provided for in the ASB Constitution or ASB Code shall be given no later than one week before petitions are due.

D) Public notice shall be defined as any widely available effort of mass communication, including, but not limited to, advertisements in The Daily Mississippian and mass emails. Public notice regarding elections should consist of pertinent information such as offices, dates, and qualifications.

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3) The Fall General Election shall be conducted by the Deputy Attorney General of Elections for the election of Homecoming Queen, Miss Ole Miss, Mr. Ole Miss, ten (10) Campus Favorites, and four (4) Homecoming Maids, one (1) from each class.

4) Fall General Elections shall be held five weeks prior to Homecoming.

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4) Spring General Elections shall also be conducted by the ASB for the election of ASB Officers and ASB Senators.

5) The movement of ASB Senate elections shall take effect for the Spring 2017 General Election. Because they will not be able to complete their term, ASB Senators serving in the 2016-2017 Campus Senate term shall be considered as serving a full year of ASB at the end of their term in Spring 2017.

6) Spring General Elections shall be held the fourth Tuesday in March.

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the certification meeting by the Deputy Attorney General of Elections. All candidates shall receive a reminder email after the election from the Attorney General reminding the candidates of the counselor's availability and services.

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WHEREAS, campus-wide ASB officer and personality elections cause emotional and mental distress for candidates;

WHEREAS, the pressure of elections is endured by candidates for up to 9 days minimum;

WHEREAS, a current mental health support team is not emphasized for candidates before, during, and after the campaign;

WHEREAS, the loss of a campus-wide ASB officer or personality election may cause emotional or mental offset;

WHEREAS, a counselor will be specifically assigned to hold counseling sessions with candidates before the election, during the election, and after the election with special times; WHEREAS, the previous stated counseling sessions will be optional for the candidates;

WHEREAS, the counselor's availability, contact information, and times will be provided on the ASB officer and personality election petitions;

WHEREAS, candidates will be reminded of the counselor's availability and service at the certification meeting by the Deputy Attorney General of Elections; AND

WHEREAS, all candidates will receive a reminder email after the election by the ASB Attorney General reminding them of the counselor's availability and services;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE AMEND TITLE V, SECTION 105 OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY CODE TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL COUNSELING SESSIONS FOR ASB OFFICER AND PERSONALITY ELECTION CANDIDATES.

Governmental Operations
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02/28
Date

02/28/2017
Date of Introduction

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3-7-17
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ASB President

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