

Senate Bill 19-1

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Committee on Governmental Operations

A BILL OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE TO MAKE A SERIES OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ASB CODE TO ESTABLISH THE ASB ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIOD AS A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) DAYS.

TITLE I

TO AMEND TITLE V(A), SECTION 104(F) OF THE CODE WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

F) All petitions for campus offices and honors shall be submitted by 4:00p.m. on the Friday prior to the certification meeting.

TO READ:

F) All petitions for campus offices and honours shall be submitted at a time and date to be designated by the Attorney General or at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the certification meeting.

TITLE II

TO AMEND TITLE V(A), SECTION 105(B) OF THE CODE WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

B) Whether an individual candidate meets the qualifications and requirements shall be subject to review by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General of Elections, and the Deputy Attorney General of the Constitution and Code. A certification meeting shall be held on the Sunday sixteen days prior to the election at 7:00 pm and shall be open to the public. If, at said certification meeting, a candidate or nominee is determined not to meet the substantive qualifications or requirements set forth by the ASB Constitution or this Title, such candidate or nominee shall not be deemed certified. Any appeal to a certification decision shall be filed with the Judicial Council within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision.

TO READ:

B) Whether an individual candidate meets the qualifications and requirements shall be subject to review by the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General of Elections, and the Deputy Attorney General of the Constitution and Code. A certification meeting shall be held on the **Thursday twelve (12)** days prior to the election at 7:00 pm and shall be open to the public. If, at said certification meeting, a candidate or nominee is determined not to meet the substantive

qualifications or requirements set forth by the ASB Constitution or this Title, such candidate or nominee shall not be deemed certified. Any appeal to a certification decision shall be filed with the Judicial Council within twenty-four (24) hours of the decision.

TITLE III

TO AMEND TITLE V(C), SECTION 112(A) OF THE CODE WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

A) Campaigning for General Elections begins sixteen days prior to the date of the election following the certification meeting.

TO READ:

A) Campaigning for General Elections begins **twelve (12)** days prior to the date of the election following the certification meeting.

WHEREAS, Sixteen days of campaigning is excessive and becomes disruptive to daily student life;

WHEREAS, A nine day campaign period was utilized during the Spring Executive Elections of 2017 and all elections prior to this time;

WHEREAS, There was a 9.58% decrease voter turnout cast in the Spring Executive Elections of 2018 compared to the number of votes cast in the Spring Executive Elections of 2017;

WHEREAS, A lesser sum of campaign funds is required for a twelve day campaign period in contrast to a sixteen day campaign period; AND

WHEREAS, This bill will take effect in August of 2019 and will be applicable to all elections thereafter.

Governmental Operations

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Committee Chair

2/26/19

Date

2/26/19

Date of Introduction

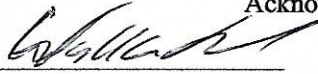
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Action of Student Senate

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Clerk Initials

Acknowledgement of Student Body Elected Vice President:



Walker Abel

ASB Vice President

2/26/19

Date

Approval of Associated Student Body Elected President:



Elam Miller

ASB President

2-28-19

Date

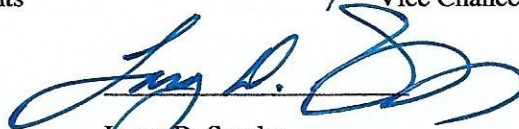
Acknowledgement of Campus Administration:

Melinda Sutton Noss

Melinda J. Sutton, Ph.D.
Dean of Students


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Brandi Hephner-LaBanc, Ed.D.
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs



Larry D. Sparks
Chancellor

Appended to the August 1st, 2019 Edition of the Code.
Titles I, II, III, as established in this Bill were appended,
therin, on April 10th, 2019.

