The University of West Florida
Student Government Association

Elections Statutes Bill
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Yes: 1
No: 2
Abstain: 1

Second Reading: 10/3/18
Yes: 1
No: 0
Abstain: 1

Ms. Samantha Lubowiecki
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 18-19 Bill (III) is hereby signed on 10/11/18

Pass 10/11/18

Mr. Brandon Malone
Student Body President
Legislative Intent:

Updates to the Election Statutes to coordinate with the Election Statutes changes that were approved in 17-18 Bill XIV.

TITLE IV: THE STUDENT BODY ELECTION CODE

Chapter 400: The Election Commission

400.01 The Election Commission shall be responsible for all Student Government Elections.

400.02 The Election Commission members and appointments:

A. The Election Commission shall be composed of at least five members, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. These members may not be a candidate.

B. The Supervisor of Elections must be appointed by the first last senate meeting in January November. The remainder of the Election Commission must be appointed by the last senate meeting in January December. The Election Commission appointees must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

C. All Election Commissioner appointees not confirmed by said time requirements must be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

Chapter 403: Election Process

403.01 The Spring Election shall take place the week (on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday) preceding Spring Break. Voting shall begin at 8:00am Monday and end at 8:00pm Wednesday.

403.02 The Election Commission may use an instant runoff, ranked choice voting, or another legitimate voting system to support a fair election process.
The Elections Commission shall conduct Spring Elections according to the following schedule:

A. Campaigning is defined as active promotion of one’s candidacy through publications and marketing material as well as public appearances and/or presentations. This does NOT include informal conversations or the use of social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)

B. Campaigning shall begin only after the candidate has filed and been cleared by the Election Commission and attended a mandatory candidate meeting.

C. A student may change office for which they become a candidate any time prior to the closing date of filing. No student may be a candidate for more than one office, whether elected or appointed, at a given time.

D. A candidate may withdraw at any time during the election process.

E. Counting electronic ballots may begin no sooner than the closing of the polls at the end of the elections.

F. Any paper ballots will be cross checked by the SGA Advisor against students who filled out an electronic ballot and a registered student list to determine if they are eligible. Any paper ballots that are ruled eligible will be manually added to the final vote count.

G. The runoff election shall may take place on the next Tuesday that school is in session after the last Election Day, pending appeals.