



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## Senator Plurality Act

Legislation: 15-16 Bill X

Author(s): Supervisor of Elections Cutshall

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| First Reading: <u>1-22-16</u> | Second Reading: <u>1-29-16</u> |
| Yes: <u>15</u>                | Yes: <u>19</u>                 |
| No: <u>1</u>                  | No: <u>0</u>                   |
| Abstain: <u>0</u>             | <u>0</u>                       |

Mr. Brandon Robinson  
48<sup>th</sup> Senate President

Be it known that Student Government 15-16 Bill X is hereby signed on

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Pass 1/29/16 Veto

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Date

Mr. Daniel McBurney  
Student Body President

## Legislative Intent:

The Legislative Intent of 15-16 Bill X is to change the election requirements of Senators from a majority to a plurality. With multiple candidates running for a limited amount of open positions, it is unlikely for more than a few candidates to receive a majority of votes. This bill specifies that those candidates with the most votes will hold the Senate seats of their college.

Chapter 401: Officers to be Elected

401.1 The following positions shall be elected in the Student Body Elections during the Spring Semester.

- A. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Emerald Coast Governor, and Emerald Coast Senate President ~~and all Senators~~ will be elected by a majority of votes.
- B. All Senators will be elected by a plurality of votes. ✓
- C. Senate positions will be elected based on representation from each college.
- D. Number of senate positions for each college will be determined by the Supervisor of Elections and SGA advisor at least two weeks prior to filing opening.
- E. Emerald Coast Senate designated campus positions shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast for the designated Emerald Coast representative seat. The Emerald Coast at large positions shall be filled by the candidates who received a plurality of votes that have not already filled a designated campus position.
  - 1. See Title IX Chapter 906.