



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## Elections Violations Process Act

Legislation: 15-16 Bill XII

Author(s): Supervisor of Elections Cutshall

First Reading: <u>1-22-16</u>	Second Reading: <u>1-29-16</u>
Yes: <u>15</u>	Yes: <u>14</u>
No: <u>1</u>	No: <u>0</u>
Abstain: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Pass 1/29/16 Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Mr. Daniel McBurney  
Student Body President

## Legislative Intent:

The Legislative Intent for 15-16 Bill XII is to establish a timeline for any election code violations to be reported and to ensure that appeals to the Supreme Court are in result of a decision of the Elections Commission.

### Chapter 412: Violation of the Student Body Election Code

412.1 Campaign violations may be turned into the Supervisor of Elections throughout the filing, campaigning, and voting processes but shall be turned in no later than 24 hours after voting closes.

412.2 Any candidate that is involved in actions to perpetuate a fraudulent election such as tampering with the election machinery, proxy voting/casting more than one ballot, excessive negative/slandering campaigning, falsifying expense statement, tampering with another candidate's materials, exceeding the expense limit, failure to file an expense statement with the Elections Commission, or buying/selling of votes may be immediately disqualified.

412.3 Any violation of the campaign rules, University of West Florida Policies and Procedures, or rules set forth and deemed necessary by the Election Commission not listed above may merit disqualification at the discretion of the Election Commission.

412.4 Pending Appeals

- A. During the period between disqualification of a candidate and installation of a certified candidate, the incumbent of the office for which the winning candidate was disqualified shall remain in office. Should the incumbent be unable or unwilling to fulfill the duties of the office, the President or designated SGA member by the SGA advisor shall fill the vacancy by appointment and confirmed by a two-third vote of the senate.

### Chapter 406: Election Appeal

406.1 The aggrieved candidate shall submit a written request for appeal to the Chief Justice through the Dean of Students Office within two school days of the contested decision of the Election Commission ruling regarding an election violation.

406.2 For election appeals, the Student Supreme Court may shall only choose to hear appeals from candidates regarding rulings of the Election Commission on election violations.