



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## Voter Privacy Act

Legislation: 15-16 Bill XIII

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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 XIII is hereby signed on

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Pass

Veto

1/29/16

Date

Mr. Daniel McBurney  
Student Body President

## **Legislative Intent:**

The intent of this bill is to protect the student's right to vote in privacy, and to candidates from pressuring students throughout the election days by stopping them and asking them to vote on the spot while standing next to them. This has become a regular practice, and one that is necessary to be successful in an election. This causes candidates to lose focus of their regular responsibilities and constituents to become frustrated with SGA.

## **TITLE IV: THE STUDENT BODY ELECTION CODE**

### Chapter 410: General Election Procedure

#### 410.1 Polling Procedure

- A. All registered students are eligible to vote.
- B. The Election Commission shall supervise the placement of nonpartisan signs announcing the election.
- C. The main polling place shall be in front of the Nautilus market in the Commons Concourse, Building 22. There shall be no active campaigning within 50 feet of the polling station on election days. Poll workers have the right to remove anyone from the poll station.
- D. Bands and loud speakers for candidates or parties shall not be allowed within two hundred feet of the polls during polling hours.
- E. There shall be no proxy voting which is defined as voting on behalf of another student, even with their permission.
- F. Voters shall be entitled to vote in privacy, as long as they remain in sight of the poll workers.
- G. Candidates or campaign workers may not physically present students with an electronic device for the purpose of voting while on UWF property as these encounters may be indistinguishable for students from official SGA polling stations. Candidates and campaign members' interactions with polls on campus should go no further than providing a link to the electronic poll or directions to an official polling station.
- H. Students may vote from any computer that is capable of access to the MyUWF system at the University of West Florida. The main polling area in the Commons, Building 22 will serve the students that do not or cannot get access to any other computer but will be available from at least 10:00 am to 5:00pm each day of voting. Additional polling stations and extended hours shall be determined at the discretion

of the Election Commission.

I. Poll workers shall not be a candidate or involved with any campaign.

J. Ballots shall be verified by the Dean of Students, the Assistant Dean of Students or an appointed designee.