



# The University of West Florida Student Government Association

## The Judicial Branch

Legislation: 24-25 Bill IX

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Ms. Ichelle Jones  
Senate Pro Tempore

Be it known that Student Government 24-25 Bill IX is hereby signed on 2/21.

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Pass 2/21/25 Veto  
Date

Ms. Maggie Brown  
Student Body President

## TITLE VI: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

### Chapter 600: Composition of the Supreme Court

- 600.01 The Supreme Court shall be comprised of ~~four~~ two Associate Justices and a Chief Justice, who shall be appointed by the President of the Student Government Association and confirmed by the Senate.
- 600.02 All Justices must resign from his or her office prior to any other appointment or nomination within the Student Government Association.
- 600.03 A Justice must resign from his or her office by the end of the fall semester in order to file for candidacy of any position in the student body election.
- 600.034 When there is a vacancy within the Supreme Court, the Chief Justice shall forward a nominee to the Senate for majority confirmation. Upon confirmation, the new Justice shall be immediately installed as an acting Justice.
- 600.045 The removal of judicial officials shall be conducted in accordance with Title VII and shall be carried out within the provisions thereof.
- 600.056 Judicial officials shall meet as deemed by the Chief Justice.
- 600.07 The term of all Justices shall be from the time of appointment to the time of matriculation, resignation, or removal.

### Chapter 601: Chief Justice Duties and Responsibilities

- 601.01 The Chief Justice shall serve as leader of the Supreme Court and shall assign duties to other justices.
- 601.02 The Chief Justice shall conduct meetings.
- 601.03 The Chief Justice shall advise the Student Government Association on procedural questions.
- 601.04 The Chief Justice shall communicate with students who file a complaint.
- 601.05 The Chief Justice shall report to Senate with updates of the Supreme Court.
- 601.06 The Chief Justice shall remove Justices in accordance with Title VII.

### Chapter 602: Supreme Court Duties and Responsibilities

- 602.01 All proposed Constitutional amendments and referenda shall be reviewed by the Supreme Court for vagueness and inconsistency with federal, state, local, and university laws and regulations. The amendment shall be reviewed within five business days of receipt and before the Senate approves the measure(s) to be placed on the ballot.
- 602.02 The Supreme Court shall review properly filed legislative bills upon request of

a Student Government Member. The purpose of this review is to ensure that if the bill were to become law, it would be in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, and university laws, as well as constitutional. The Supreme Court is expressly prohibited from using this power of review to make public policy or any similar judgments on the bill that would be inconsistent with the fair and impartial role of the Judicial Branch.

602.03 If a Justice, due to position or affiliation, decides they cannot render a fair and impartial decision, the Justice shall abstain from any judicial participation on such matter being heard.

602.04 The Supreme Court must inform the Senate by no later than the last Senate meeting of the fall and spring semesters with a written report of the condition of the judicial system and recommend measures for the improvement of the administration of justice.

602.05 The Supreme Court shall have quorum to conduct all hearings.

602.06 The Supreme Justices shall have the opportunity and are encouraged to sit on the University Student Conduct Committee.

602.07 Upon the request of a student organization **or the Student Organization Council**, the Supreme Court shall have the opportunity to review the said organization's constitution and or statutes. Upon finding any failures in compliance with Federal or University Laws, The Supreme Court shall report these problems to the organization in question, detailing how to amend the constitution and or statutes to eliminate such conflicts.