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A University-Wide Bill to Amend the Election Code

Introduced by: Senator Siemer

Senators Arif, Burrel, Fye, King, Netere, Samuelson, Severtson, Siam, Watson, and Wright

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WHEREAS, the current Election Code requires the Perimeter Communications Directors to be responsible for all election logistics and marketing and,

WHEREAS, the terminology of “Presidential Election Commission” and “University-wide Election Commission” is unclear, and,

WHEREAS, the procedure for conducting run-off elections is challenging to complete within the designated election timeframe, and,

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: This legislation shall be known as the “Amendment of the Election Code Act of 2017.”

Section 2: The Finance Directors on the Perimeter campuses shall serve as the Vice Election Commission Chair.

Section 3: All references to the “Presidential Election Commission” shall be replaced with “University-wide Election Commission”.

Section 4: Campus-specific candidates may miss a scheduled debate if they submit proof of severe illness, family trauma, or other extreme circumstances within 24 hours of the missed debate to Election Commission.

Section 5: Candidates may not campaign within 50 feet of the entrances of residence halls.

Section 6: “Aircraft” shall be clarified to include drones.

Section 7: The “Office of Student Involvement” shall be replaced by the “Student Leadership office”.
Section 8: If a candidate receives at least 51% of the vote in their race, they are declared the winner of that race.

Section 9: If one of the candidate does not receive 51% of the vote in their race but do they achieve a plurality vote with a margin of at least 15%, they are declared the winner of that race.

Section 10: If no candidate receives 51% of the vote in their race or a plurality vote with a margin exceeding 15%, a run-off election shall be held.

Section 11: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

VOTE for 23 against 0 abstentions 0

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature C. [Signature] Date 8/21/17