

1 **Label: 88-UWB-09**

2 **A University-Wide Bill to Amend the Election Code**

3 Introduced by: Senator Siemer

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

5 Submittal Date: 8/10/17

6 First reading: 8/12/17

7 Date voted on: 8/12/17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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34 **Section 7:** The “Office of Student Involvement” shall be replaced by the “Student Leadership office”.

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36 **Section 8:** If a candidate receives at least 51% of the vote in their race, they are declared the winner
37 of that race.

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

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

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

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48 ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

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50 VOTE for 23 against 0 abstentions 0

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52 ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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54 Signature C. Quay Date 8/21/17