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A University-Wide Bill to Amend the Election Code Regarding Executive Races

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Introduced by: Senator Grand-Jean
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WHEREAS, Title 7, Article 10 of our bylaws, titled “Election Results” currently reads:

A. Executive Races
   a. The winners of the races for executive positions (President, EVP, and Speaker) shall be
determined by majority vote of the votes cast for each position.
   
b. If one of the candidates did not receive at least 51% of the votes, or there is a tie, a
runoff election will be held consisting of the two candidates who received the highest
number of votes in the general election. This process shall continue until a majority is
reached,

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

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 Results Act of 2018.”

Section 2: Article 10, Section A “Executive Races”, Subsection “a” be revised to “The winners of the
races for executive positions (President, Executive Vice President, and Speaker) shall be determined
by plurality vote of the votes cast for each position.

Section 3: Article 10, Section A “Executive Races”, Subsection “b” be revised to “A candidate must
receive a vote count of at least fifteen percent more than the other candidates to be declared the
winner of that race.”

Section 4: Article 10, Section A “Executive Races”, Subsection “c” be added as written “If one of the
candidate does not receive 51 percent of the vote but they do achieve a plurality vote with a margin
of at least 10 percent, they are declared the winner of that race.”
Section 5: Article 10, Section A “Executive Races”. Subsection “d” be added as written “In the case that a candidate does not receive a 10 percent margin from the other candidates, or there is a tie, a runoff election will be held consisting of the two candidates with the highest number of votes in the general election.

Section 6: 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 [Signature] Date 02/14/18