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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:

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A. Executive Races

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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.

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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,

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

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THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY-WIDE SENATE OF THE STUDENT

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GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT

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Section 1: This legislation shall be known as the "Amendment of the Election Results Act of 2018."

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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.

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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."

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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.

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36 **Section 5:** Article 10, Section A "Executive Races". Subsection "d" be added as written "In the case
37 that a candidate does not receive a 10 percent margin from the other candidates, or there is a tie, a
38 runoff election will be held consisting of the two candidates with the highest number of votes in the
39 general election.

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41 **Section 6:** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government
42 Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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44 ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE

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46 VOTE for 23 against 0 abstentions 0

47 ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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49 Signature C. Gray Date 02/14/18