F10RS SGB No. 9 (Election Code 2)

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, an election has recently occurred, which has caused a great deal of confusion regarding financial forms; and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, there are some clauses which are misleading; and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, Article VII Sections 2, 5 and 7 of the Student Government Election Code should read:

Section 2. General Election Spending Limits for Tickets

A. One thousand dollars ($1,000) shall be the total expenditure limit of any President/Vice President pair.
B. One hundred seventy-five dollars ($175) Two hundred fifty dollars ($250) shall be the expenditure limit of any candidate running for a University Court Associate Justice position.
C. Fifty dollars ($50) shall be the expenditure limit for any candidate running for a Senate or College Council position.
D. Expenditure limits for tickets shall be based on the total expenditures of individuals involved with a particular ticket who are opposed in their election, as stipulated in Section 7 of this Article.

Section 5. General Election Financial and Monetary Contribution Reports

A. All candidates and tickets are required to submit financial and monetary contribution reports forms provided by the Election Board. This report must include:
   1. The financial report provided by the Election Board and
   2. All receipts for expenses incurred
   3. Monetary contribution reports for each candidate.
B. There shall be a financial form specifically for the use of tickets and independent candidates, which shall include:
   1. All monetary contributions made to the ticket or independent candidate, including candidate fees for tickets;
   2. All donations;
   3. All expenses incurred.
C. There shall be a financial form specifically for the use of candidates associated with a ticket, which shall include:
   1. Personal monetary contribution to the ticket;
2. Percentage of total ticket expenditures incurred by the candidate.

D. All ticket representatives must submit the following:
   1. Ticket financial report;
   2. All receipts for expenses incurred;
   3. Financial reports for each candidate.

E. All independent candidates must submit a financial report and all receipts for expenses incurred.

F. These reports shall be public record after a 24-hour review period. Candidates must sign their reports in the required places and certify that they are accurate and complete.

G. The financial and monetary contribution reports are due by 10:00 A.M. the day after the General Election.

Section 7. Expenditures for Unopposed Candidates

A. Candidates who are unopposed at after the posting of the list of qualified candidates are not allowed to spend any money campaigning.

B. These candidates are still required to file monetary contribution reports.

C. If an unopposed candidate gave money to be part of a ticket, that money shall be considered a monetary contribution. After a candidate is informed that he/she is unopposed, that candidate shall expend no more money. The expenditure limits for unopposed candidates shall not be counted towards the total expenditure limit of a ticket.

D. The expenditure limits for candidates who become unopposed after the initial posting of the list of qualified candidates shall be counted toward the total expenditure limit of a ticket.

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, ARTICLE X SECTION 4 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE SHOULD READ:

Section 4. Vacant Seats in the Student Senate

A. If a vacancy occurs on the Student Senate, it may be filled immediately by the respective college council by a majority vote of its members.

B. The seat shall then be up for election during the next regularly scheduled campus-wide election either as a half (1/2) term Senate seat or a full term Senate seat, regardless of how long is left time remaining in the term.

C. A person may only be appointed once by the same college to fill a Senate vacancy.

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE BE THUS AMENDED.

PARAGRAPH 6: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY
THE PRESIDENT, UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE, ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.

Approved:

Brooksie Bonvillain
Speaker of the Senate

J Ryan Hudson
Student Body President