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## STUDENT SENATE

F09RS

SGB No. 5

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**A BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE.

**PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE DESIGNED MORE IN LINE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT. THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD ENSURE THE POSSIBLE CONTINUED REPRESENTATION OF THE STUDENTS WITHIN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL; AND

**PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THIS LEGISLATIVE MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST AND PROVIDE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED TO AN LSU GRADUATE PROGRAM, AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THEIR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES; AND

**PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 5. Qualifying**

- A. Candidate Eligibility
1. A qualified student is any full-time student that is in good academic standing and is not currently under disciplinary action with the University.
  2. For any non-At-Large position (representing one academic area), a candidate must be enrolled at the time of filing in the college which he/she is seeking to represent
  3. A degree candidate filing for any at-large position (including President and/or Vice President) must provide sufficient documentation of continuing full-time enrollment status at Louisiana State University to the Election Board.
  4. If any clerical errors arise, the Commissioner of Elections can consult the University Registrar and approve members to run in their appropriate college or for their desired position on a case-by-case basis.
  5. No senator can file or run for another seat within the LSU Student Senate until the final semester of their current term unless proof of change of college can be presented to the Commissioner of Elections. Proof of college must be provided by the university registrar.
  6. Only currently enrolled students receiving a degree from LSU would be eligible to run.
- B. After the closing of the filing period, the Commissioner of Elections shall submit the appropriate information for each potential candidate to the office of the Dean of Students for verification.
- C. Once the office of the Dean of Students reports back to the Commissioner of Elections, he/she shall report to the Election Board with a listing of filed candidates, and whether or not each is qualified.
- D. After any amendments and final approval by the Election Board, the official list of qualified candidates will be posted outside of the Student Government Executive Office. This

should occur on class days six (6) and seven (7) of the election time frame. Appeals to the qualifying of candidates may be filed during this time.

1. Appeals pertaining to academics and discipline should be addressed to the Office of the Dean of Students.
2. All other appeals should be made to the Commissioner of Elections and the Election Board.; AND

**PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE NEW ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

## **Section 5. Qualifying**

### **A. Candidate Eligibility**

1. A qualified student is any full-time student that is in good academic standing and is not currently under disciplinary action with the University.
  2. For any non-At-Large position (representing one academic area), a candidate must be enrolled at the time of filing in the college which he/she is seeking to represent, **with the exception of the Graduate School or LSU School of Veterinary Medicine**
    - a. **Students seeking a non-At-Large position in the Graduate or LSU School of Veterinary Medicine School must have applied and received provisional or full acceptance prior to the filing process of the election in question in order to run for that position.**
    - b. **Proper acceptance documentation must be presented to the Student Government Commissioner of Elections at the time of filing to ensure candidate eligibility**
  3. ~~A degree candidate filing for any at-large position (including President and/or Vice President) must provide sufficient documentation of continuing full-time enrollment status at Louisiana State University to the Election Board.~~
  4. If any clerical errors arise, the Commissioner of Elections can consult the University Registrar and approve members to run in their appropriate college or for their desired position on a case-by-case basis.
  5. No senator can file or run for another seat within the LSU Student Senate until the final semester of their current term unless proof of change of college can be presented to the Commissioner of Elections. Proof of college must be provided by the university registrar.
- B. After the closing of the filing period, the Commissioner of Elections shall submit the appropriate information for each potential candidate to the office of the Dean of Students for verification.
- C. Once the office of the Dean of Students reports back to the Commissioner of Elections, he/she shall report to the Election Board with a listing of filed candidates, and whether or not each is qualified.
- D. After any amendments and final approval by the Election Board, the official list of qualified candidates will be posted outside of the Student Government Executive Office. This should occur on class days six (6) and seven (7) of the election time frame. Appeals to the qualifying of candidates may be filed during this time.
1. Appeals pertaining to academics and discipline should be addressed to the Office of the Dean of Students.
  2. All other appeals should be made to the Commissioner of Elections and the Election Board. ; AND

**PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THIS REVISION TO THE ELECTION CODE WILL ENSURE GRADUATE SCHOOL REPRESENTATION, PROVIDE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND PRESENT AN AVENUE FOR STUDENTS THAT WISH TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR UNIVERSITY ; AND

**PARAGRAPH 6:** THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT ARTICLE 3, SECTION 5 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE BE AMENDED.

**PARAGRAPH 7:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M 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:**

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**TYLER MARTIN**  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

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**STUART WATKINS**  
**STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

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