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F22RS SGB No. 25 (Amend Election Code)

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LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fifty Sixth Student Senate



AT THE FALL REGULAR SESSION OF
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

S.G.B. 25

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AUTHORED BY SENATOR(S):
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*A Bill to amend Title VI Chapter 5 of the Student
Government Code of Louisiana State University*

Amend:

§ 401. Sample timeline

The Commission may use this sample timeline as a model for the timeline the Commission adopts and publishes pursuant to the requirements of the publicity period:

Week 1—Monday: Community contact and election information session

Week 2—Monday: Publicity event

Week 3—Monday-Monday: Candidate registration

Week 4—Tuesday-Friday: Candidate registration validation

Week 5—Monday: Candidate meeting

Week 6—Monday-Friday: Campaign period

Week 6—Thursday-Friday: Election Day

§ 402. Pre-election

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 23 must be held in ample time for the Senate to host
 24 organizational sessions for the newly elected senators. The
 25 spring general election must be held in March in order to
 26 accommodate newly elected positions and allow time for
 27 executive appointments.

28 § 403. Publicity period

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 30 contact, information sessions, and a publicity event.

31 § 404. Community contact

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 33 the candidate registration period, the Commission shall
 34 contact all undergraduate and graduate colleges and schools,
 35 student organizations registered with the Office of Campus
 36 Life, and student newsletters, and request the dissemination
 37 of election information in their communications.

38 2 This information must include the following: (1) the
 39 dates of the candidate registration period; (2) the dates of
 40 open campaign period; (3) all the dates, times, and locations
 41 of pre-registration information sessions; (4) all the dates,
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To Read:

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70 executive appointments.

71 § 403. Selection of election-related dates and deadlines

72 1 The Commission shall be in charge of setting all
73 dates of the election-related events listed in this title. The
74 Commission shall have the authority to have class days be
75 non-consecutive as long as they inform candidates of said
76 dates.

77 2 Non-consecutive class days may only be used to
78 avoid weeks shortened by University holidays or affected by
79 emergency conditions declared by the University.

80 3 After the University makes available a calendar for
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102 WHEREAS, in the previous language of Title VI of the
 103 Student Government Code, there was a provision to allow the
 104 Commission to skip academic weeks in the case of University
 105 Holidays or unexpected University closures; and

106 WHEREAS, this bill adds section 403 to the Student
 107 Government Code to allow the Election Commission to have
 108 non-consecutive class days when setting the election
 109 timeline; and

110 WHEREAS, this bill rennumbers all sections of Chapter 5
 111 after the addition of the new Section 403 accordingly; and

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

APPROVED:



Samantha "Sam" Staggs
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
 DATE: 11-18-22



Lauren "Lizzie" Shaw
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT
 DATE: 11-18-22