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## Senate Bill SB-00F-1383 Changes Title VI to Encourage Campaigning

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# SENATE LEGISLATION

## NUMBER SB-00F-1383

5 *SB-00F- Changes Title VI to encourage campaigning.*

6 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent  
7 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;

8 Whereas: The Elections, Selection and Appointments Committee is responsible for maintaining  
9 Title VI, the elections statute, and;

10 Whereas: Title VI allows candidates to be punished by several bodies for violating a single rule,  
11 since many Title VI rules are copied from the university and university departments,  
12 and;

13 Whereas: Campaigning by candidates for SG offices increases voter turnout and school spirit, and;

14 Whereas: Very few candidates aggressively campaigned in the last General election, and;

15 Whereas: Campaigning regulations in Title VI are so limiting as to discourage campaigning by  
16 candidates, and;

17 **Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following strikes and additions be applied to Title VI.**

18 (see attached)

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Respectfully Submitted, ESAC.  
Introduced by ESAC Chair John Sapp.  
Senate Action: 28:01:00  
Date: December 1, 2000

Be it known that SB-00SA-1363 is hereby  
PASSED / VETOED  
on this 10 day of Dec., 00.  
Signed, **Ann L. Duskin**

600.1 The following words and phrases, when used in this title, shall be defined as the following:

- C. Campaigning- all active or passive publicizing of a candidate for an elected office of the Student Government, excluding verbal campaigning.

601.1 The chair of the Elections, Selections and Appointment Committee will serve as the Elections Supervisor and shall have the following powers and duties:

- D. Compile the Campaign Guidelines document.
  - 1. The Campaign Guidelines exist separately from this Title to inform candidates of university and university-related regulations relevant to campaigning.
  - 2. Violations of the Campaign Guidelines document shall be subject to punishment by the university or respective university department.

**Chapter 605 Campaigning**

The Campaigning Period begins fourteen (14) days before the first day of an election and ends the last day of an election.

605.1 Campaign Material

- A. Campaign material includes all writing and written or printed materials advertising and/or calling for support of a specific candidate(s)/ticket.
  - 1. The ~~sponsor~~, UNF's campus-wide newspaper, guarantees one full page dedicated to all official presidential and vice-presidential candidates. This space will be divided between all of these candidates equally, and no other candidates may appear on this page. The Elections Supervisor will supply the newspaper with information regarding these candidates. Any additional information that candidates wish to submit for this advertisement must be given to the Elections Supervisor before campaigning begins. Other advertisements in campus-wide newspapers will be

1 permitted. Space will be sold to as many candidates  
2 as possible in a fair manner as designated by the  
3 Editor of that newspaper. If the Elections Supervisor  
4 sees that space is not being issued fairly, (s)he may  
5 forbid further campaigning with that newspaper for  
6 the remainder of that election period. This applies  
7 only to UNF Activities and Service Fees funded  
8 newspapers.  
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- 10 B. Each candidate is liable for all campaign materials relating to  
11 his/her campaign, and shall see to their proper disposal,  
12 except as outlined in Chapter 606.2.C.3 of this title.  
13 Campaign materials may not be distributed in such a way as  
14 to create excessive litter or to willfully deface or destroy any  
15 property, public or private.  
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17 C. No campaigning may take place within a classroom at any  
18 time.  
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20 D. All printed materials must be removed from campus within  
21 48 hours of the closing of elections. This is the responsibility  
22 of the candidate.

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24 605.2 Other Regulations  
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- 26 A. Candidates may not stand over voters while they complete  
27 their ballot.  
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29 B. The Elections Commission may hold debates at any time.  
30 These debates shall include any candidates (and invite all)  
31 who have submitted a Declaration of Intent prior to the time  
32 of the debate. Other students and/or organizations can only  
33 hold debates after campaigning has begun. These debates  
34 should also be open to all candidates and to the public. The  
35 Elections Supervisor prior to the debate must approve any  
36 debates not directly sponsored by the Elections Commission.  
37 The approval will be of the date, time, place, format, and  
38 notification of candidates, but not the content.  
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40 C. No campaigning of any kind shall be allowed within the  
41 polling region beginning two (2) days prior to the first day of  
42 an election and continuing through election day(s).  
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- 1 D. Verbal Campaigning may occur at any time and at any place  
2 except within the polling region (See Chapter 604.3) or in the  
3 Senate chambers during Senate or committee meetings.  
4 Common courtesy is expected in other settings such as  
5 classrooms, the Library, the Academic Resource Center, or  
6 the Computer Labs.  
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8 E. No candidate may cover, vandalize, or remove the  
9 campaigning material of another candidate.  
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11 F. No campaign materials may be legibly visible from the  
12 polling stations beginning two (2) days before an election  
13 and continuing through election day (s), whether or not they  
14 are in within the polling region.  
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16 605.3 Expenses  
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- 18 A. Campaign expenses shall include but are not limited to:  
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20 1. Cash expenditures on items used for the purpose of  
21 campaigning.  
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23 2. Campaign contributions received for the purpose of  
24 campaigning including but not limited to campaign  
25 materials, professional services, or the donation of  
26 billboards, advertisements, or the equivalent.  
27 Donations received can total the campaign expenses.  
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29 B. Campaign expenses of candidates shall be limited to the  
30 following:  
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32 1. President and Vice President- Combined total of one  
33 thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Candidates  
34 running individually will be allowed half of this  
35 amount.  
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37 2. Senate Candidates- One hundred dollars (\$100) per  
38 candidate.  
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40 C. No student may use Activities and Service fees (unless it is monies  
41 collected from OPS wages) or things purchased with Activities and  
42 Service fees to further their campaign.  
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1 D. A candidate/ticket may not accept monetary donations from any  
2 clubs, bodies, or organizations recognized by UNF and funded  
3 through Activities and Service fees.  
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5 E. The Elections Supervisor shall rule on all questions of value  
6 regarding campaign expenses. At the request of any Activity and  
7 Service Fee-paying student, the Elections Commission must  
8 review this ruling.  
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10 606.2 Polls  
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12 C. Polling Station Procedures  
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14 3. Poll workers shall be responsible for keeping the polling  
15 station clear of campaign materials at all times during  
16 elections. Candidates shall not be held responsible for  
17 campaign materials discarded on polls, polling stations, or  
18 on the ground directly beneath polls and polling stations.

# SENATE LEGISLATION

## NUMBER SB-00F-1383

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*SB-00F-Draft Changes Title VI to encourage campaigning.*

- Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- Whereas: The Elections, Selection and Appointments Committee is responsible for maintaining Title VI, the elections statute, and;
- Whereas: Title VI allows candidates to be punished by several bodies for violating a single rule, since many Title VI rules are copied from the university and university departments, and;
- Whereas: Campaigning by candidates for SG offices increases voter turnout and school spirit, and;
- Whereas: Very few candidates aggressively campaigned in the last General election, and;
- Whereas: Campaigning regulations in Title VI are so limiting as to discourage campaigning by candidates, and;
- Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following strikes and additions be applied to Title VI.**

(see attached)

Respectfully Submitted, ESAC.

Introduced by ESAC Chair John Sapp.

Senate Action: 26:00:03 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: February 2 2001 \_\_\_\_\_

Be it known that SB-00SA-1362 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED

on this 8 day of Feb, 01.

Signed, **Ann L. Duskin**

*Student Body President*

## Chapter 600 Definitions

600.1 The following words and phrases, when used in this title, shall be defined as the following:

- C. ~~Campaign Materials—any materials including, but not limited to posters, placards, signs, signboards, leaflets, folders, handbills, fliers, handwritten announcements and circulars of any size and consistency that publicize a candidate for an elected office of Student Government, and/or call for the action of voting.~~
- D. Campaigning- all active or passive publicizing of a candidate for an elected office of the Student Government, excluding verbal campaigning. This does not include verbal campaigning. The date on which campaigning shall begin will be set by ESAC.

## Chapter 601 Elections Supervisor and Elections Commission

601.1 The chair of the Elections, Selections and Appointment Committee will serve as the Elections Supervisor and shall have the following powers and duties:

- D. Compile the Campaign Guidelines document.
  - 1. The Campaign Guidelines exist separately from this Title to inform candidates of university and university-related regulations relevant to campaigning.
  - 2. Violations of the Campaign Guidelines document shall be subject to punishment by the university or respective university department.

## Chapter 605 Campaigning

The Campaigning Period begins fourteen (14) days before the first day of an election and ends the last day of an election.

605.1 **Printed Campaign Material**



A. Printed Campaign material includes all writing and written or printed materials billboards, banners, posters, signs, flyers, handbills, cards, freestanding/road signs, printed advertisements, and apparel advertising or calling for support of a specific candidate(s)/ticket.

1. ~~Billboards shall be defined as freestanding road signs wider than three (3) feet and taller than six (6) feet. They may be posted in areas approved by Student Development.~~
2. ~~Banners shall be defined as any printed material greater than six (6) feet in length or six (6) feet in height. They may be hung from the railings of buildings across campus as allowed by University regulations. The Office of Student Development holds discretion as to number and size.~~
3. ~~Posters and signs shall be defined as any printed material ranging in size from eight and one half by eleven inches (8 1/2" by 11") to eleven by seventeen inches (11" by 17").~~
4. ~~Flyers shall be defined as any printed material equal to eight and one half by eleven inches (8 1/2" by 11").~~
5. ~~Each candidate may submit up to 49 copies of each flyer, poster, and sign to the Elections Supervisor who will forward them to OSD for dispersion across campus. No candidate may hang up his/her own flyers, poster, or signs on campus with the exception of departmental bulletin boards, which requires explicit permission of that department.~~
6. ~~Handbills/cards shall be defined as any printed material smaller than eight and one half by eleven inches (8 1/2" by 11"). Candidates and supporters may disperse these. However, each candidate/ticket is responsible for litter created by their campaign materials. The Elections Supervisor must also approve these.~~

7. The *Spinnaker*, UNF's campus-wide newspaper, guarantees one full page dedicated to all official presidential and vice-presidential candidates. This space will be divided between all of these candidates equally, and no other candidates may appear on this page. The Elections Supervisor will supply the newspaper with information regarding these candidates. Any additional information that candidates wish to submit for this advertisement must be given to the Elections Supervisor before campaigning begins. Other advertisements in campus-wide newspapers will be permitted. Space will be sold to as many candidates as possible in a fair manner as designated by the Editor of that newspaper. If the Elections Supervisor sees that space is not being issued fairly, (s)he may forbid further campaigning with that newspaper for the remainder of that election period. This applies only to UNF Activities and Service Fees funded newspapers.
  8. ~~Free-standing/road signs shall be defined as any printed material that is self-supporting. It may be up to eight feet in length by six feet in height (8' x 6'), but the top of the sign may be no more than six feet (6') from the ground. Each candidate is allowed up to eight (8) free-standing/road signs on campus. These signs may not present a danger to pedestrians or in direct pathways of travel.~~
  9. ~~Apparel shall be defined as any printed material designed to be worn not limited to buttons, stickers, hats, and shirts. These items do not have to be approved by OSD, but do have to be submitted to the Elections Supervisor, who will approve or disapprove of their use based on appropriateness.~~
- B. Each candidate is liable for all **printed campaign** materials relating to his/her campaign, and shall see to their proper disposal, except as outlined in Chapter 606.2.C.3 of this title. Campaign materials may not be distributed in such a way as to create excessive litter or to willfully deface or desroy any property, public or private.

- C. ~~Printed materials may not be placed on doors, columns, walls, floors, ceilings, windows, trees, light posts, chalk boards, dry-erase boards, cork strips above chalk boards, mirrors, or on/in vehicles located within campus grounds.~~
- D. ~~Prior to placement on a structure (bulletin boards, etc.) on campus, all materials, excluding apparel, must be approved by the OSD. The OSD will imprint the original with a stamp of approval. No material may be posted without this approval. Upon request, candidate must submit stamped original to the Elections Supervisor for verification of OSD approval.~~
- E. ~~No campaign material may be distributed or posted within a classroom during class time. No campaigning may take place within a classroom at any time.~~
- F. All printed materials must be removed from campus within 48 hours of the closing of elections. This is the responsibility of the candidate.

#### 605.2 Other Regulations

- A. Candidates may not stand over voters while they complete their ballot ~~or inquire as to how a particular person cast their vote.~~
- B. The Elections Commission may hold debates at any time. These debates shall include any candidates (and invite all) who have submitted a Declaration of Intent prior to the time of the debate. Other students and/or organizations can only hold debates after campaigning has begun. These debates should also be open to all candidates and to the public. The Elections Supervisor prior to the debate must approve any debates not directly sponsored by the Elections Commission. All debates are to be announced two academic days before they are to be held. The approval will be of the date, time, place, format, and notification of candidates, but not the content.
- C. No campaigning of any kind shall be allowed within the polling region beginning ~~48 hours~~ two (2) days prior to the

first day of an election and continuing through election day(s).

- D. Verbal Campaigning may occur at any time and at any place except within the polling region (See Chapter 604.3), ~~within a classroom while class is in session~~, or in the Senate chambers during Senate or committee meetings. Common courtesy is expected in other settings such as classrooms, the Library, the Academic Resource Center, ~~the Learning Resource Center~~, or the Computer Labs.

### 605.3 Expenses

- A. Campaign expenses shall include but are not limited to:
1. Cash expenditures on items used for the purpose of campaigning.
  2. Campaign contributions received for the purpose of campaigning including but not limited to campaign materials, professional services, or the donation of billboards, advertisements, or the equivalent. Donations received can total the campaign expenses.
- B. Campaign expenses of candidates shall be limited to the following:
- ~~1.~~ President and Vice President- Combined total of one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). ~~Candidates running individually will be allowed half of this amount.~~
  2. Senate Candidates- One hundred dollars (\$100) ~~Two hundred- twenty-five dollars (\$225.00)~~ per candidate.
- C. No student may use Activities and Service fees (unless it is monies collected from OPS wages) or things purchased with Activities and Service fees to further their campaign.
- D. A candidate/ticket may not accept monetary donations from any clubs, bodies, or organizations recognized by UNF and funded through Activities and Service fees.

- E. The Elections Supervisor shall rule on all questions of value regarding campaign expenses. At the request of any Activity and Service Fee-paying student, the Elections Commission must review this ruling.

## 606.2 Polls

- C. Polling Station Procedures

- 3. **Poll workers shall be responsible for keeping the polling station clear of campaign materials at all times during elections. Candidates shall not be held responsible for campaign materials discarded on polls, polling stations, or on the ground directly beneath polls and polling stations.**