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## Senate Bill SB-04S-1767 Title IV - SG Senate Statutes

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# SENATE LEGISLATION

## NUMBER SB-04S-1767

1 *SB-04S-1767: Title IV - SG Senate Statutes*

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

4 Whereas: The Constitution and Statutes Committee is a standing committee of the Student Government  
5 Senate, responsible for recommending changes, alterations, and revisions to the SG Statutes  
6 as required, and;

7 Whereas: As the Constitution and Statutes Committee, it is our responsibility to review and revise the  
8 Statutes (Title IV) when necessary;

9 Whereas: The rights of Senators are in danger from restrictions on freedom of speech;

10 Whereas: Title IV was in need of amendment in order to protect the rights of Senators from  
encroachment on their freedoms of speech;

12 Whereas: Attached to this legislation is the amended and updated copy as proposed by the Constitution  
13 & Statutes Committee;

14 **Therefore: Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government,**  
15 **that the attached amendments to Title IV, as proposed by the Constitution**  
16 **and Statutes Committee, become added into the current Title IV of the SG**  
17 **Statutes.**

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Constitution & Statutes Committee

Introduced by: Chairman Ryan Keelan

Senate Action: 16:0:1

Date: July 1st, 2004

Signed, **Charles R. Jordan**  
*Charles Jordan, Student Senate President*

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-04S-1767 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 1 day of July, 2004

Signed, **Jerry Watterson**  
*Jerry Watterson, Student Body President*

## Section 11: Free Speech Rights of Senators

- A. The members of the Senate shall enjoy the following rights and privileges as members of the Senate:
1. All Senators have the right to free speech, which shall not be abridged by any process. For any speech or debate before, in, or after either Committee or Senate, they shall not be questioned in any other place. This precludes judicial inquiry into the content and motivation for a Senator's speech, and prevents such speech from being made the basis of a judicial complaint against any Senator.
  2. No Senator shall be considered acting in an official function outside of Student Government. For any speech or debate made outside of a committee meeting or a Senate meeting, Senators shall not be made to answer for those in any other place.
  3. No Senator shall have his right to vote on any bill abridged by any judicial process. No Senator, including those elected to senatorial leadership positions, shall have his/her statutory obligations abridged by any judicial process.
  4. Chairpersons shall not be held responsible for the actions of their committees unless the Chairpersons actually voted on the legislation in question.
- B. The legislative privileges listed above are enacted to ensure the independence of the legislature.
- C. The Speech and Debate Clause applies to the content of the speech of any Senator during his/her attendance of committee or Senate meetings, but does not preclude that the final actions of a committee or Senate may be brought to the judiciary. In such cases, the judiciary may only recommend that any questionable actions be redone by the committee or Senate, so long as the rights of those Senators are not abridged in any way by such a ruling.
- D. The rights set forth in this statute shall not be abridged by any process for any reason.