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## Senate Bill SB-11S-2481 Changes to Title VI, Election Timeline Correction

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# SENATE LEGISLATION

## SB-11S-2481

1 *SB-11S-2481: Election Timeline Correction*

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

4 Whereas: The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government  
5 given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the  
6 Student Body of the University of North Florida; and

7 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by Student  
8 Senate;

9 Whereas: Title VI is in need of revision. The current Election Timeline in Title VI is flawed, giving two (2)  
10 different dates for unqualified candidates to petition to the Student Judiciary. Additionally, the  
11 constitution gives only one (1) date for unqualified candidates to petition; therefore the Election  
12 Timeline is in noncompliance with 603.3 of Title VI.

13 Therefore; The following revisions shall be made to Title VI, Chapter 605;

14 **TITLE VI: THE ELECTION CODE**

15 **Chapter 605: Election Timeline**

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• Candidate must attend a Senate meeting	Within the same school semester as the Elections
• Candidate Applications Due	Fifteen (15) Business Days before the start of the election
• Three Candidate Seminars must be held	Three times between the Application deadline and Elections
• Sample Ballot must be posted and remain up for three business days • Candidate qualifications must be checked • All unqualified candidates must be notified	Three days after the Application deadline
• Candidate may petition to the Student Judiciary	Within two days of notification of disqualification
• Elections information must be posted in the Spinnaker • Absentee Ballot information must be posted in the Spinnaker	At least ten business days prior to Elections
• Absentee ballots may be requested	Within one week of Elections



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Candidates to petition to the Student Judiciary for ballot reinstatement</li> <li>• Supervisor must tape off Polling regions</li> <li>• Supervisor must remove campaign materials from inside the polling regions</li> <li>• No campaigning allowed inside the polling regions</li> <li>• Ballot cannot change</li> </ul>	Two days prior to Elections
<b>ELECTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absentee ballots due at closing of polls</li> </ul>	Six to twelve weeks into the Semester (Fall/ Spring)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Statements due</li> <li>• Complaints to Invalidate Elections due</li> </ul>	Within one business day after Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervisor must release unofficial results as long as they are available</li> <li>• Elections Complaints due</li> </ul>	Within two business days after Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elections Commission will meet to decide merit of Elections Complaints</li> </ul>	Within three business days after the Complaint Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Elections Commission will meet to hear all merited complaints and decide violations</li> <li>• Elections Commission must hear and vote on all Complaints to Invalidate the Elections</li> </ul>	Within eight business days after the Complaint Deadline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates may appeal Violations to the Student Judiciary</li> <li>• Invalidation decisions may be appealed to the Student Judiciary</li> </ul>	Within three business days after Violations and Invalidation hearings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Senate must vote on Validation of the Elections and swear in newly elected Senators</li> </ul>	At the Senate meeting following Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballots may be destroyed</li> </ul>	Thirty days or more after conclusion of violations hearing

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Furthermore: Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Government that the proposed revisions to Title VI be made effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

#### Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Senator Paige Lehman  
 Introduced by: Senator Paige Lehman  
 Senate Action: Unanimous Consent  
 Date: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
 Signed, **Carlo Fassi**  
 Carlo Fassi, Student Senate President

#### Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-11S-2481 is hereby  
~~VETOED~~ / PASSED / LINE-ITEM VETOED  
 on this 12 day of January, 2011.  
 Signed, **Sitou Byll-Cataria**  
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