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SENATE LEGISLATION

SB-06S-1973

1 *SB-06S-1973 : Title VI – Types of Elections*

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

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

9 Whereas: Title VI is need of revision;

10 Whereas: The current manner in which campaigning is arranged is not adequate for UNF’s growing
11 interest in candidates, parties and the election process. Other irregularities also exist which
12 require improvement;

13 Whereas: The following revisions will be made to Title VI:

14 602.1 Senatorial Elective Offices
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16 G. The Student body may, upon written petition presented to the Chief Justice bearing
17 the names and signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the constituency of that seat,
18 call a special election for one (1), several, or all of the seats occupied by appointed
19 Senators or left vacant by elected ones. This Special Election shall be held within
20 twenty (20) business days from the date of presentation.

21 Whereas: Current campaign guidelines are too restrictive and should be expanded:

22 **Chapter 603 Types of Elections**
23

24 603.1 General Elections
25

26 A. Fall elections shall take place no less than five (5) weeks and no more than
27 eight (8) weeks from the beginning of the Fall Semester.
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29 B. Spring Elections shall take place no less than three (3) weeks and no more than
30 seven (7) weeks prior to the end of the Spring Semester. Spring Elections shall
31 take place no less than fifty (50) weeks and no more than fifty-four (54) weeks
32 from the previous Spring Election.
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34 c. Students of UNF will be allowed a minimum of fifteen (15) business days to
35 collect published candidate information (i.e.: Declaration of Intent, Candidate



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2 Application and Student Endorsement) from Student Government before the
3 close of filing deadline.

4 603.2 Inter-College Elections

5 E. Eligible students will vote in the elections for the college in which they are
6 enrolled. Students who have not declared a major may not vote in these
7 elections.
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9 G. ~~Polls shall be open from 9 AM to 7 PM for at least one day during these~~
10 ~~elections. These hours may be extended to include more hours or days, at the~~
11 ~~discretion of the Elections Commission, but may not be shortened.~~

12
13 H. If no candidates submit a Declaration of Intent to run in an inter-college
14 election by the close of filing deadline prescribed by the Elections Supervisor,
15 the seat shall remain empty until a student who is enrolled in the given college
16 is appointed to it.

17 **Whereas:** Big ticket expenditures which ultimately affect the student body and the university
18 should be presented to the electorate for a final decision;

19 603.3 Special Elections

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21 The Elections Supervisor shall, at the request of the Student ~~Government Body~~
22 President or of the majority of the Student Senate, call for and supervise a special
23 election not otherwise covered in the Student Government Constitution or the Student
24 Government ~~Statutes~~ Election Code. The rules and regulations of the Student
25 Government Constitution and ~~Statutes~~ the Election Code shall govern all Special
26 Elections.

27 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Senate that these proposed
28 revisions are made into Title VI of the Student Government Statutes.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Alexander Koby

Introduced by: Senator Alexander Koby

Effective Date: 24-01-00

Date: January 30, 2006

Signed, **Stephen K. Horne**

Stephen Horne, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-06S-1973 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 16 day of Feb, 2006.

Signed, **Thomas J. Foran III**

Tom Foran, Student Body President