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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent
2 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 3 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given
4 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the
5 Student Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 6 Whereas: The Office of Elections and the Government Oversight Committee are the responsible entities
7 for reviewing Title VI of the Student Government Statutes; and,
- 8 Therefore: Title VI necessitated a revision in order to improve its clarity and application during the election
9 process.

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11 **Chapter 601: The Office of Elections**

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- 601.1 There shall be an Office of Elections responsible for the production and maintenance of all Student Government Elections.
- 601.2 The Office of Elections shall be an independent office of Student Government set apart from any one branch and free from political pressures.
- 601.3 The purpose of this office shall be to conduct the unbiased service of upholding the democratic process through elections.
- 601.4 The Office of Elections shall consist of the Elections Commissioner, who must:
- A. Be appointed by the Student Government President, and;
 - B. Be subject to confirmation by the Government Oversight Committee and the Senate requiring a majority vote, and;
 - C. Serve a term of two (2) years and be subject to reconfirmation after the first year by majority vote of the Government Oversight Committee, and;
 - D. Have the power to form Ad-Hoc committees, and;
 - E. Be responsible for proposing changes to the Election Policies and Procedures to the Government Oversight Committee, when necessary, and;
 - F. Update the Senate, and the Government Oversight Committee upon request in regards to matters concerning the Office of Elections, and;



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- 42 G. Make public an election timeline, containing all important dates, deadlines, and statutes of
- 43 limitation prior to the start of each semester as they pertain to the upcoming General Election,
- 44 and;
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- 46 H. Forward all witnessed and reported violations of the Election Code and Election Policies and
- 47 Procedures to the Attorney General against the accused candidate(s) within the constraints of
- 48 the Election Policies and Procedures, ~~and;~~
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Chapter 602: Elections Policies and Procedures

602.1 Creation

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- 54 A. There shall be Election Policies and Procedures formed to govern the production and
- 55 maintenance of Student Government elections, and;
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- 57 B. They shall be formatted in such a way that they may be easily distributed to, and understood by,
- 58 the Student Body, and;
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- 60 C. The Election Policies and Procedures shall serve as an extension of statute, bearing full authority,
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- 63 D. The Election Policies and Procedures shall not appear in full within statute, and;
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- 65 E. The Election Policies and Procedures shall be outlined within statute for the purposes of
- 66 continuity and the establishment of principles held paramount to our elections process, and;
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- 68 F. All policies and procedures dictated in statute may not be superseded by the Elections Policies
- 69 and Procedures.

602.2 Purpose

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- 73 A. The Election Policies and Procedures shall serve as the binding guidelines for both the Office
- 74 of Elections and all prospective candidates for election.
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- 76 B. The Election Policies and Procedures shall dictate the manner and scope in which this
- 77 government ~~does apply~~ applies restriction, resolution, and restitution in all election related
- 78 matters.
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602.3 The Ballot

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- 82 A. The Ballot shall serve as the vehicle for the democratic process, carrying the will of the Student
- 83 Body on all Constitutional and statutorily granted affairs.



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85 B. The Election Policies and Procedures shall maintain a section concerning ballots.
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87 C. Such a section shall contain, at a minimum, the following applicable provisions:
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89 1. Each ballot produced for a Student Government election shall be created and formatted by
90 the Office of Elections.
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92 2. ~~The final version of each ballot~~ The ballot must be made public by the Elections
93 Commissioner five (5) business days preceding the nearest upcoming election.
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95 3. Absentee ballots shall be made available by the Office of
96 Elections.
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98 4. All proper Constitutional Referenda and Plebiscites shall be placed on the ballot.
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100 5. Candidates' names shall be placed on the ballots in a randomized manner.
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102 6. Unopposed candidates shall be declared the winner by acclamation. No election for the
103 respective seat shall be held.
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105 7. There shall be no select all option on the ballot. Instead, voters must only have the ability
106 to select candidates one at a time.
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108 8. There shall be a presentation of all candidates' platforms to be available to the
109 individual voter upon viewing of the ballot. Such platforms shall be regulated by the Election
110 Policies and Procedures.
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112 9. No changes shall be made to an election ballot within two (2) business days of the election.
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114 10. Further format regulations may be established by the Elections Policies and Procedures if
115 they do not conflict with those statutorily mandated.
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117 **Chapter 603: Enforcement**

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119 603.1 Disqualification
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- 121 A. ~~Upon the receipt of all Candidate Declarations of Intent, the Elections Commissioner shall have~~
122 ~~five (5) business days to review them.~~ On the third (3) business day following the candidate
123 submission deadline the Elections Commissioner shall issue all notifications of disqualification
124 to candidates that have failed to meet the constitutional requirements for candidacy.
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126 B. The Elections Commissioner shall contact all candidates who are disqualified and make known
127 all candidates who do qualify.



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132 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted that the attached document be the official revisions to Title VI of the
133 **Student Government Statues, and that the changes be made effective immediately on July**
134 **1st, 2018.**

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Legislative Action

Executive Action

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Author: Elections Commissioner Dutton
Sponsor: GO Chairman Healy
Committee: Government Oversight Committee
Committee Action: 2-0-0
Date of Committee Action: 5-18-18
Senate Action: 10-0-0
Date of Action: 6-8-18

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President
on this 11th day of June, 2018

Let it be known that SB-18SA-3296 is hereby
APPROVED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED
on this 13 day of June, 2018.

Signed, 
Jenna DuPilka, Student Body President

Signed and Delivered to the Senate Secretary

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Thomas Pluchon, Student Senate President