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1 Whereas:
 2 The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent
 3 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
 4 Whereas:
 5 The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given
 6 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the
 7 Student Body of the University of North Florida; and;
 8 Whereas:
 9 The Constitution Revision Committee agreed that it was important that the Student Body
 10 President and the Senate President to be permanent members of the Constitution Revision
 11 Committee; and;
 12 Whereas:
 13 The Committee wanted to further define how amendments to the Constitution are proposed;
 14 and;
 15 Therefore:
 16 The following necessary and proper revision to the Student Government Constitution is being
 17 proposed in order to ensure the Student Body President and Senate President serve on the
 18 Constitution Revision Committee and that the process for proposals to amend the Constitution
 19 are defined.
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ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENT PROCESS

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Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

The following shall be the two processes for the proposal of amendments to this Constitution:

28 A. Amendments to this Constitution shall be proposed by a Constitutional Convention ~~formed and~~
 29 ~~and established by and including the~~ Senate President and the President ~~or designees~~ concurrently
 30 no more than once every three (3) years, with equal representation from both branches. The Chief
 31 Justice, or any justice designated by the Chief Justice, shall serve as the chair of the committee and
 32 shall vote only in the event of a tie.

34 B. All proposals recommended by majority vote of the Constitutional Convention shall be forwarded
 35 to the Senate and must be approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Senate, or a written petition
 36 presented to the Elections Commissioner bearing the names, student N numbers, and signatures of
 37 at least ten percent (10%) of the student body;

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40 A written petition presented to the Elections Commissioner bearing the names, student N numbers,
 41 and signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the student body.

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42 A.C. The Senate President and the President may serve on the committee as ex-officio non-
 43 voting members.
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Section 2: Procedure after Proposal

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47 A. All proposed amendments shall be published in the major student publication and otherwise made
48 available to the Student Body for ten (10) business days prior to the vote by the Student Body.
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50 B. Proposals made via the Constitutional Convention and approved by Senate or as written petition
51 bearing the names and signature of at least ten percent (10%) but less than twenty percent (20%) of
52 the student body shall be introduced as a constitutional referendum at the next General Election.
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54 C. Proposals made via a written petition bearing the names and signatures of twenty percent (20%)
55 or more of the student body may be introduced, at the discretion of the petitioner(s), as a Special
56 Constitutional Referendum, which shall be voted on by the student body within fourteen (14)
57 business days of its presentation and shall have the following restrictions.
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59 1. Special Constitution Referendums can individually encompass only a singular subject.
60 2. Special Constitutional Referendums cannot be proposed during the summer semester.
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Section 3: Ratification

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64 The proposed amendment shall immediately become part of this Constitution if more eligible
65 students vote "Yea" than "Nay" at the General or Special Election and upon Senate validation of said
66 election.
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Section 4: Friendly Amendments

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70 A. Friendly amendments shall be defined as those amendments that do not alter the intent or any
71 possible legal interpretation of our Constitution.
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73 B. Friendly amendments may be made to this Constitution in the form of a Special Joint Resolution.
74 This Joint Resolution must include all the friendly amendments that are to be made and must present
75 them in their full context. In order for any such joint resolution to take effect the following
76 procedure must be adhered to:
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78 1. Senate must pass any such resolution unanimously.
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80 2. The resolution must be signed by the President.
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82 3. The Joint Resolution shall be submitted to the Judicial Branch and prior to the bill taking effect
83 the entire Judicial Branch must meet in order to discuss the proposed changes and determine
84 if there is conflict with the above definition of a friendly amendment.
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86 4. If the changes are approved unanimously by the Judicial Branch the Joint Resolution shall
87 take effect.
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90 Therefore:

91 Let it be enacted that the following changes to Article VI be made effective immediately
92 upon passage by the Student Body and validation of the Fall Student Government
93 elections.

Legislative Action

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 Sponsor: Thatcher Hart
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Signed and Delivered to the Office of Elections
 on this 5 day of Oct, 2020.

Signed: _____
Rachel Saunders, Student Senate President

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