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## **CR-20F-3522: Constitution Revision Committee Amendments to Article VII**

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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;
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- 4   Whereas:           The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given
- 5                           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;
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- 9   Whereas:           The changes made to Article VII of the Student Government Constitution provide a clearer
- 10                          interpretation as to who in the organization may be subject to the impeachment process; and;
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- 12   Whereas:           These changes also provide transparency regarding the scope of checks and balances within
- 13                          Student Government; and;
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- 15   Therefore:           The following necessary and proper revision to the Student Government Constitution is being
- 16                          proposed in order to provide a clearer interpretation and understanding of who may be
- 17                          impeached in Student Government.
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**ARTICLE VII: IMPEACHMENT**

**Section 1: Method**

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- 24   Procedural requirements of the impeachment of Senatorial, Executive ~~and/or~~ Judicial Members,
- 25   and/or independent offices of Student Government shall be prescribed by law, pursuant to the
- 26   following requirements.
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- 28A. For a member of the Executive Branch to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3) of Senate and a majority of
- 29   the Judicial Branch must concur.
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- 31B. For a member of Legislative Branch to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3) of Senate and a majority of the
- 32   Judicial Branch must concur.
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- 34C. ~~For an appointed~~ member of the Judicial Branch to be impeached, two-thirds (2/3) of Senate and the
- 35   President must concur. If the President does not concur, the Senate may ~~still~~ impeach the Justice
- 36   with a three-fourths (3/4) vote of concurrence.
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- 38C.D. ~~For a member of any independent office in Student Government to be impeached, two-~~
- 39   thirds (2/3) of Senate and a majority of the Judicial Branch must concur.
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- 41D.E.                   Upon receipt of a petition of 20% of the currently enrolled A & S Fee paying
- 42   students of the University of North Florida requesting that an elected or appointed Student Government
- 43   official be removed from office, within 60 days after the filing of a petition, a referendum must
- 44   be held in which a majority vote of the students will remove the officer from their seat. Also, the

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45 grounds for removing a Student Government officer must be expressly contained within the petition  
46 and are limited to the following: malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent  
47 inability to perform official duties, or conviction of a felony.

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49 **Section 2: Removal**  
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51 Upon fulfillment of the requirements enumerated in Section 1 of this Article, the impeached official  
52 shall immediately be removed from office and may not seek appointment for any Student Government  
53 office until after the next General Election.

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55 **Therefore:**

56 **Let it be enacted that the following changes to Article VII of the Student Government**  
57 **Constitution be made effective immediately upon passage by the Student Body and**  
58 **validation of the fall Student Government elections.**

### Legislative Action

Author: Constitution Revision Committee  
Sponsor: Thatcher Hart  
Committee: R30  
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Senate Action: 17-0-0  
Date of Senate Action: 10/22/20

Signed and Delivered to the Office of Elections  
on this 5 day of Oct, 20.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Rachel Saunders, Student Senate President*

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