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## **SB-21S-3542: Title IV Changes Post Constitution Revision Committee**

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### *SB-21S-3542: Title IV Changes Post ~~Constitution~~ Constitution Revision Committee*

**Whereas:**

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

**Whereas:**

3 The Constitution Revision Committee made changes to Title IV in order to reflect the  
4 Constitutional Referendums that were recently passed in the Fall 2020 election; and;

**Whereas:**

5 The following necessary and proper revisions to the Student Government System of Statutes are  
6 being proposed in an effort to ensure future compliance with the law and the balance of our  
7 democratic system:  
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*Chapter 406: Senate Secretary*

9 406.1 The Senate Secretary shall:

- 10 A. Be ~~appointed~~ hired by the Senate President and serve at their discretion; and
- 11 B. Perform duties as provided by the Senate Policies and Procedures and as directed by the  
12 Senate President.

*Chapter 407: Parliamentarian*

13 407.1 The Parliamentarian shall:

- 14 A. Be appointed by the Senate President and confirmed by the Senate; and
- 15 B. Give advice on Parliamentary procedure upon request.

*Chapter 408: Sergeant-At-Arms*

16 408.1 The Sergeant-At-Arms shall:

- 17 A. Be appointed by the Senate President;
- 18 B. Attend Senate during its meetings and maintain order under the discretion of the Senate  
19 President or Presiding Officer; and
- 20 C. Enforce the rules relating to the privileges of the chamber.

*Chapter 409: Calling of Senate Meeting, Quorum, and Voting*



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- 21 409.1 The Senate President shall be empowered to call Senate meetings, and shall call a  
22 meeting if petitioned by a majority of the members of Senate holding office at the  
23 time the petition is presented, or if requested by a majority vote of the Senate. The  
24 Senate Secretary shall notify Student Senators of all meetings.
- 25 409.2 Quorum shall be more than half of the membership of the Senate. Membership shall be  
26 defined as the total number of Senators entitled to vote, with the exception of Senators  
27 on leaves of absence. Quorum shall be more than half of voting members of a  
28 committee.
- 29 409.3 "Majority" and "Two-Thirds" Votes: A majority vote shall be more than half of the  
30 votes cast by Senators entitled to vote, excluding abstentions, at any properly called  
31 meeting at which quorum is present. A two-thirds vote shall be at least two thirds of  
32 the votes cast by Senators entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions, at any  
33 properly called meeting at which quorum is present. In both cases "entitled to vote"  
34 refers to Senators actually voting, not all Senators formally eligible to vote.

*Chapter 410: Senate Committees*



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- 35 410.1 There shall be three (3) standing committees within the Senate. Each of the three (3)  
36 standing committees shall perform the duties and follow all procedures as set forth in  
37 the statutes and Senate Policies and Procedures. The three standing committees shall  
38 be as follows:
- 39 A. The Budget and Allocations Committee, herein after referred to as the B&A Committee;
  - 40 B. The University and Student Affairs Committee, herein after referred to as the USA  
41 Committee;
  - 42 C. The Rules and Oversight Committee, herein after referred to as the R&O Committee;
- 43 410.2 Committee Membership
- 44 A. The Senate President shall make all reasonable efforts to insure that there are an equal  
45 number of senators on each committee.
  - 46 B. There must be a minimum of three (3) Senators on each committee including a chair for that  
47 committee to hear business.
  - 48 C. In the event that a committee cannot establish quorum all business for that committee shall  
49 be forwarded to senate unless prohibited by another statute.
  - 50 D. Standing Committee Chairs shall be elected in the spring by a majority vote of the Senate.

*Chapter 411: The Legislative Cabinet*



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- 51 411.1 The Legislative Cabinet shall make recommendations for the standing committees of  
52 the Senate.
- 53 411.2 Any member of the Legislative Cabinet, excluding the Senate Secretary who serves at  
54 the discretion of the Senate President, can be removed from office as provided by the  
55 Senate Policies and Procedures.
- 56 411.3 The Senate shall have the ability to place any of the Legislative Cabinet positions,  
57 excluding the Senate Secretary, up for a reelection of the position with a three-  
58 fourths (3/4) vote, which shall follow the election process outlined in the Senate  
59 Policies and Procedures.
- 60 411.4 The Senate President may dismiss any member of the Legislative cabinet at any time if  
61 ~~they he or she~~ feels it is in the best interest of the Student Body. The Senate may  
62 override the Senate President by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at the next regularly-  
63 scheduled Senate meeting.
- 64 411.5 Legislative Cabinet elections shall occur upon the convening of the new Senate in the  
65 spring semester, as outlined in the Senate Policies and Procedures.
- 66 411.6 The Legislative Cabinet shall consist of the following officers:
- 67 A. The Senate President
- 68 B. The Senate President Pro Tempore
- 69 C. The Senate Secretary
- 70 D. The two (2) Standing Committee Chairs
- 71 ~~D.~~ 411.7 The Elected Members of the Legislative Cabinet shall occupy Chair Seats in the  
72 Legislative Branch.

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### Chapter 412: Forms of Legislation

- 73 412.1 Forms of Legislation include:
- 74 A. Joint Resolutions
- 75 B. ~~Senate~~Simple Resolutions
- 76 C. Bills
- 77 D. Constitutional Referendums
- 78 412.2 Joint Resolutions
- 79 A. Must be passed by majority vote of the Senate and approved by the President to become
- 80 effective.
- 81 412.3 ~~Senate~~Simple Resolutions
- 82 A. Must be passed by majority vote and are not subject to the Executive Veto power.
- 83 B. The passage of ~~Senate~~Simple Resolutions that amend or revise Senatorial policies and
- 84 procedures shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senate and are not subject to the Executive
- 85 Veto power.
- 86 412.4 Bills
- 87 A. Must be passed by appropriate vote of the Senate and approved by the SG President to
- 88 become effective.
- 89 412.5 Constitutional Referendums
- 90 A. Amendments to the Constitution are proposed by the Constitutional Convention as outlined
- 91 in Article VI, Section 1.
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93 B. All proposals recommended by majority vote of the Constitutional Convention shall be  
94 forwarded to Senate and the R&O Committee and must be approved by a 3/4 vote of the  
95 Senate.

96 C. Be subject to normal parliamentary motions.

97 D. Be signed by the Senate President and forwarded directly to the Elections Commissioner  
98 to be placed on the ballot during the next general election.

99 412.6 This chapter only defines the manner in which amendments to the Constitution  
100 can be proposed. Article VI details all other ways amendments to the Constitution  
101 may be made.

*Chapter 413: Composition of Bills and Resolutions*



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- 102 413.1 Each Bill and Resolution shall contain the following:  
103 A. Title and Subject
- 104 B. Legislative Intent
- 105 C. Enacting Clause
- 106 D. Effective Date
- 107 E. Senate Sponsor
- 108 413.2 Title and Subject  
109 A. The subject of each bill shall be briefly expressed in its title.
- 110 B. If a bill embraces more than one subject, it shall be defined as an Omnibus Bill. A  
111 majority vote shall be required by the Senate Committee(s) to pass an Omnibus Bill, and a  
112 two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required by the Senate for final passage.
- 113 413.3 Legislative Intent  
114 A. The legislative intent of the bill shall be included in the body of the bill or resolution.
- 115 B. The legislative intent shall state the purpose and intent of that bill or resolution.
- 116 413.4 Enacting Clause  
117 A. There shall be an enacting clause on every bill or resolution proposed by the Senate
- 118 413.5 Effective Date  
119 A. Effective dates for all statutory revisions shall be governed pursuant to Article II.
- 120 B. All resolutions shall be exempt from having an effective date.
- 121 413.6 Senate Sponsor  
122 A. All bills, resolutions, or Constitutional Referendums shall have a Senate Sponsor, who  
123 shall be from within the Senate.

*Chapter 414: Procedure for Approval of Bills*





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124 414.1 Summation of Bills

125 A. Upon receipt of a proposed Bill, Constitutional Referendum, or Resolution the Senate

126 President must submit it to the Senate within a two (2) week period.

127 B. The Senate President shall transmit any legislation passed by the Senate to the President

128 within five (5) business days except in the case of Constitutional Referendums.

129 414.2 Action by the President

130 A. Upon receipt of a Bill:

131 1. The President shall have five (5) business days to approve or veto a bill.

132 2. The President shall then submit the bill to the Senate President

133 3. The Senate Secretary shall post the bill if approved. The bill shall be sent back  
134 to the Senate if vetoed.

135 4. If vetoed, the President shall transmit written and/or oral objections for vetoed  
136 legislation to the Senate at the next regular meeting.

137 5. If approved, the Senate President shall inform the Senate at the next meeting.

138 B. In cases where a bill is vetoed by the President the bill may be amended and sent back to

139 the President as an alternative action on the veto. In this case, amended bills may be vetoed

140 again by the President.

### *Chapter 415: Publications of Senate Notices*

141 415.1 The Senate shall make available to any UNF student who so requests, copies of any  
142 and all proposed Senate Resolutions, all enacted Resolutions, proposed amendments to  
143 the Constitution, and minutes of Senate meetings.

### *Chapter 416: Terms of Office*

144 416.1 Senate members shall take office upon installation. The term of office shall last from the  
145 election from Fall/Spring semester to the following Fall/Spring semester.

146 416.2 Senators shall terminate office at the installation of their successors or when they are  
147 no longer qualified to hold office. Those Senators who run in the election and do not  
148 get re-elected will have their term expire upon installation of the new Student Senators.  
149 Any current senator whose name is on the validation bill, regardless of whether they  
150 have been re-elected or not, must abstain from the validation vote.

151 416.3 All Senators including cabinet members must go through the elections process in order  
152 to retain their Senate seat at the end of their term.

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Chapter 417: SAID Representatives

417.1 Student Alliance for Inclusion and Diversity (SAID) representatives' seats are perpetual and are filled by the current president or their designee.

417.2 SAID group representatives are considered nonvoting ex-officio representatives in the Senate.

*Chapter ~~418~~417: Legislative Transition Period*

~~418~~417.1 The Transition Period begins upon the conclusion of Senate Officer Elections by the Senate and concludes after one week.

~~418~~417.2 During this transition period, the outgoing administration must transfer all SG records and files, including a transition binder (a folder containing all procedures, forms, etc.), regarding the Senate to the incoming administration.

~~418~~417.3 The incoming and outgoing administrations shall share all office space allocated to the legislative branch for purposes of conducting business relating to the transition.

~~418~~417.4 All signature authority for the Senate shall be automatically transferred upon the swearing-in of the new Senate President.

*Chapter ~~419~~418: Maintenance of Legislative Records*

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- 171 ~~41918.1~~ The Senate President shall be ultimately responsible for the complete and accurate  
172 records of the actions and proceedings of the Senate and its three standing committees.
- 173 ~~41918.2~~ These records shall include any of the following: agendas of Senate and committee  
174 meetings, minutes of Senate and committee meetings, records of attendance for all  
175 Senate and committee meetings, records of legislation passed by the Senate, and any  
176 audio recordings of Senate or committee meetings.
- 177 ~~41918.3~~ Requests for copies of any of the above documents can be made through the  
178 following process:
- 179 A. The request must be made in writing to the SG Advisor.
- 180 B. The SG Advisor shall fulfill the request in a reasonable amount of time as dictated by Florida  
181 Public Records Law, Chapter 119.
- 182 ~~41918.4~~ Legislative Records
- 183 A. All records of the Legislative Branch, including but not limited to voting records, attendance  
184 records, bills, and minutes shall be made available online within five (5) business days of  
185 becoming effective.
- 186 B. Updated versions of the governing documents shall be posted to the website within five (5)  
187 business days of receipt of the approval from the ADA Compliance Office.
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**Therefore:**

Let it be enacted that the following changes to Title IV be made effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Legislative Action**

Author: ~~Constitution~~ Constitutional Revision Committee

Sponsor: Senate President Pro Tempore Kilambi

Committee: R&O

Committee Action: 10-0-0

Date of Committee Action: 1-29-2021

Committee Action: 8-0-0

Date of Committee Action: 2-19-2021

Senate Action: Unanimous Consent

Date of Action: 3/5/21

Signed and Delivered to the Student Body President  
on this 12 day of March, 2021

Signed: Rachel Saunders, Student Senate President

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**Executive Action**

Let it be known that SB-21S-3542 is hereby

**APPROVED** / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 12 day of March, 2021

Signed, Ally Schneider, Student Body President

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