STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-109

TITLE: Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article III Section 2

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WHEREAS, the Supreme Court decision, “Interpretation of The University of Florida Constitution: Section 4 of Article VIII,” ruled the constitutional amendment decided in the Spring 2008 elections that would change the composition of the Student Senate did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, Article III Section 2 of the University of Florida Student Body Constitution currently states that the composition includes, “FALL CLASS.—Forty to sixty members elected in the fall general election as apportioned by law from on-campus area governments as defined by law and from off-campus areas as defined by law.”; and,

WHEREAS, Article III Section 2 of the University of Florida Student Body Constitution states currently that the composition includes, SPRING CLASS.—Forty to sixty members elected in the spring general election from the colleges and independent schools recognized by the student senate as defined by law.”; then,

WHEREAS, current operating procedure and apportionment allows for the maximum composition of the Student Senate to be fifty members; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that an amendment shall be placed on the spring 2017 ballot by the Supervisor of Elections that reads “Should the Student Body Constitution be updated and amended to decrease the maximum composition of the fall or spring class of Student Senate from sixty members to fifty members and change the relevant parts of Article III Section 2 to read: “FALL CLASS.—Forty to fifty members elected in the fall general election as apportioned by law from on-campus area governments as defined by law and from off-campus areas as defined by law. SPRING CLASS.—Forty to fifty members elected in the spring general election from the colleges and independent schools recognized by the student senate as defined by law?””
Proviso: A copy of this bill will be sent to the Supervisor of Elections and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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