STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-110

TITLE: Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article III Section 4

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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 2010 elections that would “change the time for appointment of Summer Replacement Senators from May 1 to the last meeting of spring term” did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, currently, the Summer Replacement Senator term begins on May 1st; and,

WHEREAS, the academic calendar mandating the end of the spring academic term and start of the summer academic terms changes each year; and,

WHEREAS, placing the appointment at the last meeting of the spring term would allow for consistency each year for Summer Replacement terms; 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 allow summer replacement Senators to be appointed at the last meeting of the Spring semester and amend Article III, Section 4 to read in part, “The Student Senate during the summer term shall have the same authority as it does during the fall and spring terms. A Student Senator who will not attend the summer academic term, or any portion of the term may nominate a Summer Replacement Senator, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate on the last meeting of spring term. The summer replacement senator shall serve only during the summer academic term, or designated portion of the term. The student senator resumes office upon return to the university?””
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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