STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-113

TITLE: Amendment to Student Body Constitution Article VI

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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 2016 elections that states "Section 9: The Executive Branch should guarantee verified real-time online remote access to voting on election day in Student Government elections to all members of the electorate beginning in Fall 2016 elections, where 'Online Remote Access' to voting is defined as the ability to cast a ballot from any location with a device connected to the internet and equipped with an Internet Browser. 'Verified' refers to the ability of the student Government to ensure no ballots are fraudulent. 'Real-time' is defined as the condition that votes must be registered by the voting system as they are cast without the involvement of a proxy" did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, currently, all students have the ability to vote by voting at a polling location or by absentee ballot; and,

WHEREAS, online voting will allow enrolled University of Florida students to vote no matter their location in real-time; and,

WHEREAS, based on research from the Online Voting Implementation Ad Hoc Committee and the former administration's Legislative Director, we should reflect national elections, state elections, and many of our peer SEC and Florida institutions; 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 Article VI be updated and amended as follows, "Section 2: The fall general election shall occur on the Tuesday of the sixth week of the fall term," "Section 3: The spring general election shall occur on the Tuesday of the sixth week of the spring term," and "Section 9: The Executive Branch shall guarantee verified and secured real-time online remote voting on election day in Student Government elections to all members of the electorate?""
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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