STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-115

TITLE: Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 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 2010 elections that would "authorize the Elections Commission to determine if initiative ballot titles and summaries are accurate and lawful and amend ballot titles and summary if they determine that they are not accurate, subject to appeal to the Student Body Supreme Court" did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Body Constitution currently states that proposals by initiatives shall be submitted to the Honor Court Chancellor: and,

WHEREAS, the Elections Commission should have the authority to determine if the petition has an accurate summary and ability to modify the summary to be accurate; 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 VIII Section 2 be updated to add the following clause: "The Elections Commission shall have the authority to determine if the petition has an accurate summary, and if it determines it is not, to modify the summary so as to be accurate, and after making such determination shall in all cases forward the petition to the Supervisor of Elections for inclusion on the ballot. Such determinations shall be subject to the Review of the Supreme Court?""
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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