STUDENT SENATE LAW 2016-117

TITLE: Amendment to the Student Body Constitution Article VIII Section 2 Part 3

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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 “amend the proposal initiative process to provide that a petition carrying the signatures of 5% of the student body shall be placed on the ballot” did not reach the mandated voter threshold; and,

WHEREAS, the Student Body Constitution currently states, “Students may propose amendments to the constitution upon a submission of a petition to the student honor court chancellor joined by ten percent of the electorate not later than twenty-eight days before the ratification election;” and,

WHEREAS, the most recently recorded student population from the University of Florida Office of Institutional Planning and Research in fall 2015 was recorded as 52,519 students; and,

WHEREAS, five percent of 52,519 students would be 2,626 students and ten percent would be 5,252 students; and,

WHEREAS, lowering the needed percentage would allow students to get involved in Student Government more easily; 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 allowing students to propose amendments to the constitution: ‘...joined by five percent of the electorate not later than twenty-eight days before the ratification election.’?”

1 http://ir.ua.ufl.edu/enrollment-1
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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