STUDENT SENATE BILL 2018-1038

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760.1 This subsection, from 760.001 to 769.999, shall be known as “The Election Campaign Act.”

761.1 Campaign Activities begin on the first day of the active election cycle and ends immediately after the close of polls on the final day of elections.


761.3 The maintenance of a campaign website shall be permitted four weeks prior to the first date of Fall and Spring election and shall conclude at the end of both the Fall and Spring General election.

761.4 No candidate shall give, offer, or promise to any student or student organization any benefit not authorized by student body law in order to influence the votes of that student or members of that organization.

762.0 Candidates shall ensure that all “campaign material” as defined in Section 700.4(f) shall be labeled with the phrase "Registered Political Advertisement" or a phrase of similar import approved by the Supervisor of Elections. The phrase shall be followed by the name of the individual who authorized the creation of, disbursement of, or payment for, a piece of campaign material. In addition, all campaign material must be registered with the Supervisor of Elections or his or her Assistant Supervisors of Elections prior to the time of distribution. Procedures for distribution and posting of campaign material not provided for by the Student Government Election Code may be established by the Supervisor of Elections or by the Elections Commission. However, such procedures shall not be inconsistent with the Student Government Election Code and they shall not be effective unless presented in writing to the candidates and registered political parties twenty- four (24) hours prior to the time that any such procedures take effect.
No candidate or representative of a political party shall misrepresent any material fact in campaign material or in campaigning in any form.

No candidate or representative of a political party may misrepresent any campaign material as being the material of any other candidate or political party.

No candidate or representative of a political party may misrepresent any material as being the material of the Supervisor of Elections.

The Supervisor of Elections and his/her designees have the exclusive right to distribute any material that indicates a student has already voted during the Student Government election cycle.

Any impersonation of another political party/independent candidate by a candidate, representative, or campaign material of another political party/independent candidate shall be considered an Election Violation.

Campaign material may only be posted on off-campus property in compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to Alachua County elections.

No unauthorized person may post or remove any campaign material of any candidate or political party. The Supervisor of Elections or Assistant Supervisors of Elections may remove any and all campaign material posted, displayed, or distributed in unauthorized locations pursuant to 733.6.

No candidate or political party shall destroy, remove or steal any campaign material of another candidate or political party.

No candidate or representative of a political party shall attach campaign material to any road surface or walkway on University property.

Candidates and representatives of political parties shall only hang cloth, plastic, or paper banners in areas designated by the University and the Supervisor of Elections.

No candidate or representative of a political party shall distribute or place campaign material on any mode of transportation without the permission of the owner.

No candidate or representative of a political party shall place any campaign material in message boxes in residence halls, unless the campaign material conforms to University regulations, Department of Housing and Residence Education policies, and the Student Body Statutes.
Candidates and representatives of political parties may not campaign in classrooms, unless the classroom is reserved and utilized by a student organization in accordance with the policies of the Department of Student Activities and Involvement and the University Registrar’s Office.