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**AB:** 13  
**Title:** **Revising the Election Code**  
**Stage:** IN SESSION - 11/19/2004  
**Owner:** Chris Kennedy

### **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT**

Be it enacted by the Assembly of the Student Government of the University of Texas

### **Summary of Changes**

The following major changes were made to the Election Code:

#### **Chapter 3:**

- The ESB shall now make either Advisory Opinions, which are opinions issued by the ESB on matters that should not be included in the Election Code, or Advisory Rulings, which clarify the Election and shall be used as precedent for future Election Supervisory Boards.
- Require that the Judicial Commission be appointed at least 10 days prior to the candidate filing deadline, and all Election Supervisory Board members at least 7 days prior to the deadline.
- Set a 48 hour deadline for the ESB to file minutes with the Chair of the Judicial Commission.

#### **Chapter 4:**

- Written opinions of the Election Board shall serve as precedent, and a ruling which contradicts precedent must provide adequate reason for doing so.
- If a ruling of the ESB is appealed, the ESB's ruling must be immediately submitted to the Judicial Commission.
- The Judicial Commission is now required to hear all appeals made of ESB rulings and new evidence may be introduced.
- The Office of the Dean of Students now has "ultimate authority over the Election process."

#### **Chapter 5:**

- Adding clarifying language to what types of ticket-building are allowed prior to the beginning of campaigning
- Deadline added such that the ESB must provide financial disclosure forms to candidates by the filing deadline.
- A summary of financial disclosure will be placed online within 24 hours after the records are submitted.

#### **Chapter 6:**

- Campaign expenditure limitations for individual candidates increased: to \$1200 from \$1000 for

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<b>AB:</b> 14
<b>Title:</b> <b>Changes to the Internal Rules, Bylaws, and Constitution of Student Government</b>
<b>Stage:</b> PASSED - 11/19/2004
<b>Owner:</b> Omar Ochoa

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#### **Changes to Internal Rules**

restructuring of advisors to the President, new legislation article, new appropriations article, revisions to committee members, duties, and appointments, revision of representative obligations, new absences article, new removal from office article, revisions to agency articles

#### **Changes to Bylaws**

revisions to assembly membership, assembly meetings procedures, committee assignments, agency responsibilities, stipend section, and amendments procedure

#### **Changes to Constitution**

replacement of the attorney general with a communications director on executive board, defining the role of the Vice President, Executive Director, and Communications Director

#### **Footnotes**

None

#### **Comments**

None

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