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*lacked quorum 3/29/05***AB:** 18**Title:** Revising the Election Code to Establish an Individualized System**Stage:** IN SESSION - 03/11/2005**Owner:** Matthew Ross**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT**

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

Section 1. Defining Candidate Association, Written Endorsement and Oral Endorsement

Amend Chapter II of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

2.21 "Oral Endorsement" refers to any candidate's support for another candidate or candidate pairing given by word of mouth.

2.22 "Written Endorsement" refers to any candidate's support for another candidate given through the use of campaign materials.

2.12 "Campaign Materials" refers to all materials and literature concerning any candidate. Campaign Materials shall include, but not be limited to: shirts, signs, handbills, buttons, email and other advertisements, but excluding any individual endorsement not approved by the candidate or ticket.

2.23 "Candidate Pairings" refers to any pair of Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates who choose to run under a common name.

Section II. Changing "Ticketbuilding" to "Campaign Organization"

Amend Chapter V, Subchapter A of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A: Ticketbuilding Campaign Organization

5.02 Ticketbuilding Organization of an individual candidate's or a Presidential and Vice Presidential pairing's campaign is allowed prior to this date and time.

5.03 Ticketbuilding Campaign Organization may not be used to solicit votes.

5.04 Ticketbuilding Campaign Organization should be limited to activities designed to organize and mobilize one's campaign.

5.05 Ticketbuilding Campaign Organization may not include mass e-mailing or solicitation of support at meetings of student organizations.

5.06 The Election Board has final jurisdiction over the definition of ticketbuilding campaign organization.

Section III. Adjusting the Financial Expenditures Limitations

Amend Chapter VI, Subchapter A of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

6.01 Candidates that do not may not take part of a candidate association and do not or associate with in any way with any other candidate, and do not declare a ticket name during the campaign period of the entire election cycle. Each candidate, as an individual, shall be required to adhere to the following limitation on campaign expenditures:

Presidential candidates: \$1200 in any general election or special election

Vice Presidential candidates:	\$1200 in any general election or	special election
Representatives-at-Large:	\$850 in any general election or special	election
College Representatives:	\$500 in any general election or special	election

6.02 Candidate Associations Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidate pairings may combine their expenses. Candidates that are declared to be part of a candidate association or do not meet the requirements to qualify for 6.01 All pairings shall be required to adhere to the following limitation on campaign expenditures:

Presidential candidates: \$850 in any general or special election.
 Vice Presidential candidates: \$850 in any general election or special election.
 Representatives -at- Large: \$275 in any general election or special election.
 College Representatives: \$175 in any general or special election.

Section IV. Amending the Regulations on Campaigning to exclude Candidate Associations

Amend Chapter VI, Subchapter B of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

Insert after 6.04, adjust numbering accordingly:

6.05 Candidate association names used in previous elections governed by this Code may not be used again in any subsequent elections governed by this Code, for the duration of six years. Except for the Presidential and Vice Presidential races, Candidates may not form candidate associations, pool their monetary resources, or make written endorsements.

6.06 Candidates may make personal oral endorsements of other candidates or referenda.

6.20 Candidate pairing names used in previous elections governed by this Code may not be used again in any subsequent elections governed by this Code, for the duration of six years.

Section V. Amending the Ballot Information Provision to Remove Association Name

Amend Chapter VII, Subchapter C of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

7.24 Candidate information on the ballots shall include the candidate's name, candidate association, position sought, and other information pertinent to voting procedure. If a candidate is a member of a Presidential and Vice Presidential pairing, the name of that pairing will also appear on the ballot.

Section VI. Striking the term "Candidate Association" where necessary

Amend the following sections of the Student Government Election Code as follows:

Chapter VI, Subchapter B

6.19 No Student Government representative, executive board member, agency or committee member, may endorse any candidate or candidate association pairing on behalf of Student Government, in accordance with Section 10.4 of the Student Government Constitution.

Chapter VII, Subchapter B:

7.06 There shall be no limit to the number of polling locations established by a candidate, or campaign association.

7.14 Candidates or campaign associations may set limitations on the hours of operation for the voting locations, but may not deny the right to vote to any person standing in line to vote at the time the polling location closes.

Footnotes

None

Comments

None

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