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**Section I Amending Chapter II: Definitions**

2.11 "Campaign Materials" refers to all materials and literature concerning any candidate. Campaign Materials shall include, but not be limited to: signs, handbills, buttons, email and other advertisements.

2.14 "~~Officially Sanctioned~~ Polling Location" refers to any computer station with the ~~publicly advertised and~~ expressed purpose of facilitating means by which to vote in Student Government elections.

2.15 "Computer Lab Proctor" refers to any individual volunteering or employed by a specific University computer lab and arranged by the ESB to monitor polling locations on election days ~~between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.~~ during voting hours.

**Section 2: Chapter III: The Election Supervisory Board**

3.07 The Election Board shall ~~manage, supervise, and control the operation of~~ have jurisdiction over all polling ~~places~~ locations on the days of elections governed by this Code. All polling locations must abide by the Election Code.

3.08 Results of any election under this Code shall be announced no later than twelve (12) hours after the last close of ~~the polls~~ polling for the election. The location of both the announcement and posting of the results is to be announced by the Election Board no later than the Candidate Seminar, as defined in this Code.

**Section 3: Chapter V, Subchapter B The Candidate Seminar**

5.16 No distribution of ~~unsolicited~~ campaign material, ~~including but not limited to campaign literature, flyers or email~~ will be allowed prior to 12:01 a.m. on the day following the Candidate Seminar. ~~This prohibition includes posting of candidate posters.~~ Candidates are not prohibited from organizing their campaign.

**Section 4: Chapter V Subchapter B Campaigning**

6.09 ~~Any and all public computers serving as polling locations must be officially sanctioned polling locations, and therefore abide by all campaign guidelines.~~

6.10 On election days, no campaigning shall be permitted within twenty (20) feet of any ~~polling place~~ University computer lab, as marked by the Election Board. This includes in University computer labs, the floor under and around these locations, thus no ~~sanctioned polling locations~~, propaganda remains in the labs.

6.11 Designated computer lab proctors ~~will~~ may regulate these locations and ensure that no campaigning takes place inside or within 20 feet of any of the labs. ~~and limit the time that each sanctioned polling location may be used by an individual person.~~

6.12 The Election Board will be in charge of corresponding with computer lab proctors.

**Section 5 Subchapter A**

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54 Subchapter A: Election Timetable and Guidelines

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56 **Section 6 Section VII Subchapter A Election Timetable**

57 7.05 The Election Board shall advertise in the student newspaper of the  
58 University ~~an official list of all polling locations, including all locations~~the  
59 official voting website. This shall include all polling locations accessible to  
60 persons with disabilities, ~~at least seven (7) days~~ prior to a General or Special  
61 Election, or the week of a Run-off Election.

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63 **Section 7 Chapter VII, Subchapter B Election Procedures**

64 ~~7.09 Polling places for all elections governed by this Code shall be limited~~  
65 ~~exclusively to the University of Texas at Austin. Polls must be located at no~~  
66 ~~less than thirteen (13) of the following areas:~~

67 ~~(a) Fine Arts area;~~

68 ~~(b) Jester/PCL area;~~

69 ~~(c) Jesse H. Jones Communication Center;~~

70 ~~(d) Business Area;~~

71 ~~(e) Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs;~~

72 ~~(f) Robert Lee Moore Hall;~~

73 ~~(g) Nursing School Building;~~

74 ~~(h) Pharmacy Building;~~

75 ~~(i) George Sánchez Building;~~

76 ~~(j) Law School area;~~

77 ~~(k) Undergraduate Library;~~

78 ~~(l) University Teacher Center; and~~

79 ~~(m) Welch Hall; and~~

80 ~~(n) Engineering area.~~

81 7.09 No potential voter may be specifically excluded from casting a vote at  
82 any polling location.

83 7.10 On election days, no candidate, agent or worker may exchange anything  
84 of value, excluding campaign material, in return for guarantee of vote.

85 7.11 Poll hours for the General Election shall be from ~~10:00 a.m. until 5:00~~  
86 ~~p.m. only, on the two consecutive days of general election voting. Persons~~  
87 ~~standing in line when the polls close shall be allowed to vote. 8:00 AM until~~  
88 ~~7:00 PM on the first day of voting in the general elections, and 8:00 AM until~~  
89 ~~5:00 PM on the second day of voting in the general elections.~~

90 7.12 Poll hours for the Runoff Election shall be from ~~10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.~~  
91 ~~only, on the two consecutive days of runoff voting in the second week of~~  
92 ~~March. 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM on the first day of voting in the runoff~~  
93 ~~elections, and 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on the second day of voting in the~~  
94 ~~runoff elections.~~

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96 **Section 8 Chapter VII Subchapter B Election Procedures**

97 7.20 Any candidate desiring a ~~recount~~ redress of a certified election must  
98 petition the Election Board within twenty-four (24) hours after the election  
99 results are announced. All candidates involved shall be notified of the time  
100 and place of the ~~recount~~ accounting The ~~recount~~ accounting shall be  
101 conducted by the Election Board within twenty-four (24) hours after the  
102 request is made and must be accomplished in the presence of no more than  
103 two (2) representatives of each candidate.

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110 **Footnotes**

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