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### **Election Reform and Accountability Act**

**Whereas**, the Student Government Association of the University of Houston seeks to properly represent and engage students; and

**Whereas**, representation and engagement occurs through the proper implementation of a campus wide student election which provides fair and balanced campaign regulations and accessible voting locations; and

**Whereas**, the marketing and implementation of election policy in the University of Houston's 2013 Student Government Association elections did not properly engage and provide students with access to information on the election and voting locations.

### **THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Senate of the 50<sup>th</sup> Administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association:**

That the UH SGA amends election code Title V, Section B, Clause 1 to read

V. B. 1. General Elections shall be held on the last Tuesday, Wednesday, *and Thursday* of each February between the hours of 9:00 AM *and 7:30 PM*.

That the UH SGA amends election code Title V, Section C, Clause 2 to read

V. C. 2. The Chief Election Commissioner shall make public through the SGA website and the Daily Cougar the locations of each Election Commission administered polling location *on the Monday prior to the week of an election*.

That the UH SGA amends election code Title V, Section C, Clause 3 to read

V.C.3 Permanent polling locations must include but are not limited to:

- The University Center (UC, building 565)
- University Center Satellite (UCS, building 567)

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*Science Engineering and Classroom (SEC, building 529)*

*Cougar Village Courtyard (CV, Building 563)*

*Cougar Woods Dining Hall*

UH Arts Quad—the grove between the Communications Building, the School of Art and the Moores School of Music

That the UH SGA amends election code Title V, Section D, Clause 6 to read

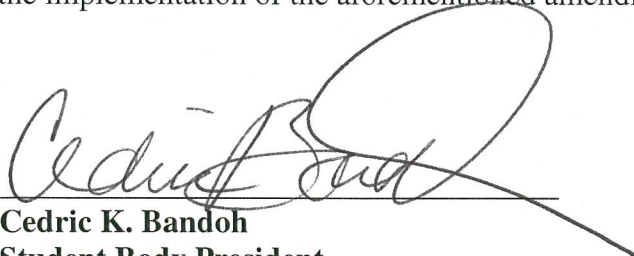
V. D. 6. Ballot positions shall be randomized by the online voting system each time they are accessed. ***The ballot shall give the voter specific instruction on the number of candidates a voter is able to select for a race.*** If a candidate withdraws from an election or is disqualified following the establishment of the online ballot, but no sooner than four (4) days prior to the start of voting, their name will be replaced by “withdrawn” on all ballots. The Election Commission shall notify the appropriate University personnel administering the online ballot system regarding the withdrawal or disqualification of candidates prior to the start of voting.

That the UH SGA amends election code Title VIII, Section E, Clause 1 to read

VIII.E.1 To present a witness and/or ***evidence*** before the Election Trial Board, the party must register said witness and/or evidence with the Chair of the Board no later than two (2) hours before the trial begins.

**Be it further enacted** that the UH SGA understands there will be circumstances that may interfere with either location or timing. However, because of its dedication to serving the Student Body, the UH SGA along with the Election Commissioner will do its absolute best to ensure the aforementioned policies be implemented

**BE IT FINALLY ENACTED** that the 50<sup>th</sup> administration of the University of Houston Student Government Association strives to provide greater representation to the Student Body through the implementation of the aforementioned amendments.



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**APPROVED**

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