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### **Amendment of Election Code Violation Classification Criteria**

**Whereas**, the Student Government Association Election Rules and Regulations outlines the classification of election violations in Article VII, Section B.

**Whereas**, there are three classifications of violations: Class A, Class B, and Class C that demonstrate increasing penalty severities. The penalty for committing: a Class A violation is “Disqualification and automatic referral to the Dean of Student’s Office”; a Class B violation is “Temporary suspension of campaigning”; a Class C violation is “Written warning. 24-Hour suspension of campaigning”.

**Whereas**, “exceeding campaign limits” is categorized Class B offense. This classification represents a potential of abuse by campaigning individuals and parties through the intentional overspending of campaign limits in the final week of reporting for which an incurred Class B penalty is nullified by the completion of the election period.

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

That the Election Rules and Regulations of the Student Government Association, Article VII, Section B be amended the classify “exceeding campaign limits” as a Class A offense and, as such, carrying the enforceable penalty of “Disqualification and automatic referral to the Dean of Student’s Office”.



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