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The Election Day Reform Act

Whereas, the current University of Houston Student Government Association Election Code voting days may result in fatigue among candidates and voters;

Whereas, Article 5, Section 2, Clause 1 of the Election Code states that: "General Election's voting will be held during the second Monday and Tuesday of February, the third Tuesday and Wednesday of February, and the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of February (six days of voting total) starting at 12:00 a.m. at the start of each day, concluding after a forty-eight (48) hour period at 11:59:59 p.m. each two-day period, with special extensions being allowed at the discretion of the Election Commissioner. ";

Whereas, Article 2, Section 1, Clause 7 of the Election Code states that: "The Election Commission will commence the election on the fourth Monday of January and conclude the election on the fourth Thursday of each February. Once established, the Election Commission must submit these dates to the Student Government Association Senate. ";

Whereas, three weeks of campaigning during elections would result in a disturbance among constituents;

Whereas, three weeks of campaigning would distract students from their studies;

Whereas, Saturday is a prominent day for College of Technology classes;

Whereas, candidates running for election in the Student Government Association are overwhelmed;

Whereas, the current voting day system may be too strenuous on all parties involved.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:

Article 5, Section 2, Clause 1 of the Election Code shall be amended to read: "General Election voting shall open on the third Thursday in February. Voting shall be open from Thursday at 12:00 AM until the following Wednesday at 11:59 PM, with physical campaigning prohibited from Sunday 12:00 AM to 11:59 PM the same day. Special extensions shall only be allowed at the discretion of the Election Commissioner."

Be it further enacted, that Article 2, Section 1, Clause 7 of the Election Code be amended to read: "The Election Commission will commence the election on the first Monday in February and conclude the election at the end of the last day of voting. Once established, the Election Commission must submit these dates to the Student Government Association Senate."

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Date of President's Approval: _____

APPROVED



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