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The Electoral Justice and Fairness Bill

Whereas, Class C violations are minor violations, and do not deserve 24-hour bans for subsequent occurrences;

Whereas, any verdict given by the Attorney General must take both the perspectives of the accused and accuser in order to be a fair one;

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

That the Student Government Election Code implement the following changes:

(1) Article 7, Section 2, Clause 12 be amended to read:

“The penalty for a Class C violation is a written warning from the Attorney General at the first occurrence, and a temporary suspension of campaigning for every subsequent occurrence. The Attorney General will administer a fair and proportional suspension for Class C violations. The Attorney General’s decision may be appealed to the Supreme Court or designated lower court.”

(2) Article 7, Section 1, Clause 3 be amended to read:

“An official complaint must first be filed with the Student Government Association Attorney General. The Attorney General will then reach out to the accused, in the cases of alleged Class B and Class C violations (and cases of alleged Class A violations which place no one at risk of harm) and provide them the option to submit a Statement of Defense, to be submitted within

four (4) hours of the Attorney General reaching out (extensions shall be provided at the discretion of the Attorney General). The Attorney General will then investigate said complaint and decide its merit. The Attorney General will then decide the merit of the complaint. The Attorney General must submit written documentation of review to the Election Commission no more than one day, twenty-four (24) hours, after the Attorney General receives the complaint.”

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