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The Second Electoral Justice and Fairness Bill

Whereas, Statements of Defense requests should not be processed at odd times of the night.

Whereas, it is essential to ensure that campaigns follow the Election Code and up-classification of violations allows for such.

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 1, Clause 3 be amended to read:

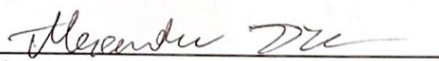
“An official complaint must first be filed with the Student Government Association Attorney General. The Attorney General will then reach out to the accused, in the cases of alleged Class B and Class C violations (and cases of alleged Class A violations which place no one at risk of harm) and provide 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). If the Attorney General solicits a Statement of Defense after 8:00 PM, then the accused will have until 10:00 AM the following day to provide the Statement of Defense. 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.”

- (2) Article 7, Section 2, inserts the following new clause 12, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: "Clause 13: After three (3) Class C violations, each subsequent Class C violation will be considered a Class B violation and will be treated accordingly. The Attorney General will notify each violator when they are one violation away from having their next violation up-classified."
- (3) Article 7, Section 2, inserts the following new clause 14, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: "Clause 13: Any party whose candidate(s) violate suspensions of campaigning will be issued a warning and a suspension of campaigning at the first occurrence and will be placed on Election Probation at the next occurrence in addition to the penalty for committing a Class B violation."
- (4) Article 7, Section 2, inserts the following new clause 14, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: "Clause 14: A Class D violation is a violation of any suspension of campaigning by any member(s) of a party on Election Probation."
- (5) Article 7, Section 2, inserts the following new clause 15, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: "Clause 15: All complaints of Class D violations, after being confirmed of having merit by the Attorney General and Chief Election Commissioner, will be immediately presented to the Supreme Court for final ruling."
- (6) Article 7, Section 2, inserts the following new clause 16, re-numbering, not removing, the subsequent clauses accordingly: "Clause 16: The penalty for a Class D violation is the disqualification of the candidate(s) from the election."



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Speaker of Senate

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