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Donation Reform Act

Whereas, what constitutes a donation and how donations to campaigns are applied regarding expenditure limits is insufficiently defined in the current election code.

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

That Article 6, Section 2, Clause 11 of the Election Code be amended to read:

“Clause 11: For each election, each independent candidate and each party listed on the ballot will be required to submit a ‘donation list’ with their weekly financial disclosure form containing a list of individuals who have donated to their campaign. Candidates or parties that received no donations are still required to submit this list to the Election Commission. The Election Commission will provide this form on its website prior to the registration period, with the form including the following sections:

- a) Names of the those responsible for the donation;
- b) The fair market value of the donation; and
- c) The date the donation was received.”

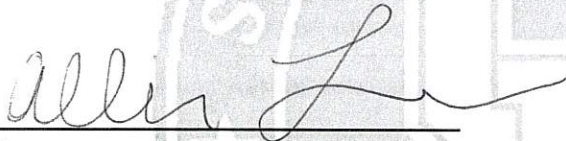
Be it further enacted, that Article 6, Section 2 of the election code add the following clause:

“Clause 12: All donations both tangible and intangible, financial or non-financial, must be disclosed on an individual’s or party’s donation list and counted as part of their campaign expenditures, limited by the campaign expenditure limits. All non-financial contributions/donations to an individual or party (this includes but is not limited to:

printed materials, signage, t-shirts, etc.), must be assessed a fair market value and included on both the weekly donation list and the financial disclosure form.”

Be it further enacted, that Article 6, Section 2, Clause 2 of the election code add the following be amended to read:

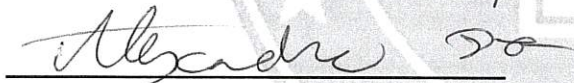
“Any good or service actually purchased or paid for by the candidate for their campaign will be reported at the actual value expended by the candidate for the given good or service. All goods or services purchased by a candidate or party must have a reported value reasonably close to a market value (i.e. if a candidate is offered to buy one-hundred thousand fliers for \$1, they still need to apply a reasonable market value to the fliers, and reporting \$1 on their campaign finance expenditure form would be a violation). If items were bought on discount or sale, the discount/sale must be proven to be (1) reasonably well advertised to the public and (2) universally available to all that might wish to participate. Candidates must provide receipts in person or via email to prove the actual value of each good or service purchased or paid for. If the Election Commission requests such, the candidate must provide the original receipt(s) in person.”



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