

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2021-1022

TITLE: Vacancy Replacement Reform Act - 300 Code Revisions

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CHAPTER 340 VACANCY REPLACEMENTS (Origin unknown; 68-132, 68-138, 72-108, 72-166, 72-193, 73-221, 76-135, 76-201, 76-202, 77-206, 81-112, 82-101, 82-118, 81-121, 82-166, 83-123, 84-134, 84-166, Fall Election 1985 Initiative passed 340.72, 86-155, 86-156, 87-138, 87-159, 90-133, 90-151, 91-119, 94-114, 94-122, 98-100, 98-114, 2000-136, 2001-138, 2005-126, 2006-101, 2007-118, 2008-138, 2015-109, 2020-1042)

- 340.1 A Student Senate seat shall be vacant when the incumbent Student Senator:
1. Fails to maintain the legal qualifications for office (SB Statutes 732.2) except for Student Senators who, during the summer, are not enrolled and instead invoke SB Statute 309.2.
 2. Representing a living area fails to maintain residence in that living area, except where non-residence is unavoidable due to the temporary closing of that living area.
 3. Representing a college or school transfers from that College or School; but transferring from Undergraduate Freshman Class or Undergraduate Sophomore Class shall not cause the seat to be vacated. (Article III, Section 2(b))
 4. Submits a written resignation to the President of the Student Senate.
 5. Is expelled from the Student Senate, in accordance with the provisions in Chapter 330.
 6. Fails to meet the constituency requirements in Chapter 324.
 7. Fails to meet the attendance requirements in Chapter 323.
 8. Fills or continues to hold an office in the Judicial or Executive branches of Student Government in violation of Chapter 130.
 9. Fails to register for summer course work at the University of Florida in either Summer A, B, or C, or any combination thereof.

340.11 Definitions

1. Vacancy: A vacancy in the Student Senate shall occur upon the resignation, removal, expulsion, or impeachment of a Student Senator or upon the abandonment of the seat by the Student Senator.
2. Replacement: Replacement of a Student Senator is the filling of a

vacated Student Senate seat.

- 340.12 Exceptions shall be provided for in the Senate Rules & Procedures.
- 340.2 For all Student Senate seats vacated under the provisions of 340.1, the Replacement and Agenda Committee shall be responsible for declaring such seats vacant at ~~two (2)~~ one (1) consecutive regular meetings of the Student Senate, ~~in which quorum has been established~~ before a recommendation may be made by the R&A Committee, ~~except for Summer Replacements, which will require only one declaration.~~
- 340.21 Vacant seats shall be advertised in conspicuous locations by the Information and Communication Committee, as per the Senate Rules and Procedures.
- 340.3 No person shall serve through the next regular election as a replacement Student Senator, unless said Student Senator has qualified for candidacy in a Student Government election during the intervening time period preceding the Student Senator's application for consecutive replacement seat.
- 340.4 A sitting Student Senator may not be nominated to fill a vacant seat without resignation of the current seat.
- 340.5 Any person previously elected or appointed to fill a Student Senate seat may not be nominated to a vacant seat prior to the conclusion of that person's latest elected or appointed term of office, unless the vacant seat is of the same class (Fall or Spring) of Student Senate seats as the seat last held by the person seeking nomination. This does not apply to Summer Replacement Student Senators as described in 309.22.
- 340.6 Nominees must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Student Senate at a regular Meeting, and shall assume all rights and duties of office immediately upon such approval.
- 340.7 Vacancies which occur during the Summer Term will be filled in accordance with this Chapter and Chapter 322, except for provisions in Chapter 340.2.
- 340.8 If, at any time, a number of vacancies occur simultaneously such that quorum would be unattainable to approve vacancy replacements, within a reasonable period of time after accumulation of said total vacancies, the Senate President shall announce that a joint meeting of the Student Senate Executive Committee and the Replacement and Agenda Committee will be convened no earlier than ~~seven (7)~~ three (3) and no more than ~~fourteen (14)~~ ten (10) calendar days succeeding said announcement, for the purpose of interviewing and appointing replacements for said Student Senate seat vacancies until enough vacancies are filled so that quorum is attainable.
- 340.81 Quorum for the joint meeting pursuant to ~~360.6~~ 340.8 shall be a majority of the

combined membership for the Replacement & Agenda Committee and the Senate Executive Committee – duplicate members notwithstanding.

- 340.82 The Information and Communication Committee shall be responsible for actively publicizing the situation listed and procedures pursuant to this Chapter.
- 340.83 At the joint meeting of the Student Senate Executive Committee and the Replacement and Agenda Committee, the Senate President Pro-Tempore shall preside and shall direct interview and appointment procedures.
- 340.84 Upon publication of the situation set forth in ~~340.6~~ 340.8 and of all Student Senate seat vacancies in the conspicuous locations listed in the Senate Rules and Procedures, and upon consideration of applicants, the joint meeting of the Student Senate Executive Board and the Replacement and Agenda Committee under ~~340.6~~ 340.8 shall make appointments to fill Student Senate seat vacancies. Said appointments shall take effect immediately upon notification of appointees and proper public notice of appointment.