STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1242

TITLE: The Realigning Abstentions in Ballots and Initiatives Denotation (RABID)

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CHAPTER 780 – THE ELECTION TABULATION AND VALIDATION ACT
(2000-141, 2002-144, 2006- 129, 2014-114, 2020-1043, 2021-109)

780.0 This subsection, from 780.001 to 789.999, shall be titled "The Election Tabulation and Validation Act" and shall be concerned with the election procedures of validation.

781.0 The Supervisor of Elections shall present the vote totals to the Student Senate.

781.1 The Supervisor of Elections shall not include votes cast in spoiled ballots among the vote totals presented to the Student Senate. A spoiled ballot shall be one in which either (1) the student did not select any option for a measure which to pass requires any number of students voting in that general election to vote in the affirmative or (2) the student abstained from a measure which to pass requires any number of students voting in that general election to vote in the affirmative.

782.0 The Chair of the Elections Commission may present the Elections Commission's recommendation of validation of the vote totals to the Student Senate. If the Elections Commission recommends invalidation, then the Chair of the Elections Commission shall present the report created pursuant to Section 729.2, S.B.S. to the Student Senate.

783.0 The Student Senate shall have sole responsibility for validation of elections by a majority vote provided any decision to invalidate is based upon fraud or gross unfairness as supported by the findings of fact from the Elections Commission. The Student Senate may obtain a recommendation to validate or not to validate from the Elections Commission based solely upon findings of fact pursuant to Section 729.2, S.B.S.

Proviso: This bill of law shall go into effect after the Fall 2023 elections