

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1228

TITLE: Tabling Fairness Act — 700 CODES REVISIONS

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CHAPTER 760 – THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT (2000-141, 2002-144, 2002-155, Spring 2006 Ballot Initiative, 2006-129, 2007-131, 2008-107, 2009-101, 2011-100, 2012-101, 2012-107, 2012-SC: Students Party v. Swamp Party, 2013-SC: Students Party v. Swamp Party, 2016-104, re: “MERWITZER I”, 2020-1024, 2020-1043, 2020-1067, 2021-109)

- 760.1 This subsection, from 760.001 to 769.999, shall be known as “The Election Campaign Act.”
- 761.1 Campaign Activities begin on the first day of the active election cycle and ends immediately after the close of polls on the final day of elections.
- 761.2 The maintenance of a campaign website shall be permitted four weeks prior to the first date of Fall and Spring election and shall conclude at the end of both the Fall and Spring General election.
- 761.3 No candidate shall give, offer, or promise to any student or student organization any benefit not authorized by student body law in order to influence the votes of that student or members of that organization.
- 762.0 Candidates shall ensure that all “campaign material” as defined in Section 700.4(f), S.B.S. shall be labeled with the phrase "Registered Political Advertisement" or a phrase of similar import approved by the Supervisor of Elections. The phrase shall be followed by the name of the individual who authorized the creation of, disbursement of, or payment for, a piece of campaign material. In addition, all campaign material must be registered with the Supervisor of Elections or their Assistant Supervisors of Elections prior to the time of distribution. Procedures for distribution and posting of campaign material not provided for by the Student Government Election Code may be established by the Supervisor of Elections or by the Elections Commission. However, such procedures shall not be inconsistent with the Student Government Election Code and they shall not be effective unless presented in writing to the candidates and registered political parties twenty- four (24) hours prior to the time that any such procedures take effect.
- 762.1 The Supervisor of Elections and their designees have the exclusive right to create and distribute any election related materials emblazoned with the Student Government logo including, but not limited to, the official Student Government “I Voted” stickers, during the Election Cycle.
- 762.2 No candidate or representative of a political party may misrepresent any material as being the material of the Supervisor of Elections.
- 762.21 Any impersonation of another political party/independent candidate by a candidate, representative, or campaign material of another political party/independent candidate shall be considered an Election Violation.

- 762.3 Campaign material may only be posted on off-campus property in compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to Alachua County elections.
- 762.4 No unauthorized person may post or remove any campaign material of any candidate or political party. The Supervisor of Elections or Assistant Supervisors of Elections may remove any and all campaign material posted, displayed, or distributed in unauthorized locations pursuant to Section 733.6, S.B.S.
- 762.41 No candidate or political party shall destroy, remove or steal any campaign material of another candidate or political party.
- 762.5 No candidate or representative of a political party shall attach campaign material to any road surface or walkway on University property.
- 762.65 No candidate or representative of a political party shall distribute or place campaign material on any mode of transportation without the permission of the owner.
- 762.7 No candidate or representative of a political party shall place any campaign material in message boxes in residence halls, unless the campaign material conforms to University regulations, Department of Housing and Residence Education policies, and the Student Body Statutes.
- 763.0 Candidates may not campaign in classrooms.
- 763.1 No candidate or representative of a political party may engage in door-to-door campaigning on University property.
- 763.11 No candidate or representative of a political party may knock on any door or attempt to enter any room if there appears in plain view, a written notice stating, "No Solicitors", "No Campaigning", "Do Not Disturb with Campaigning", or words of substantially similar import.
- 763.2 No candidate for Student Senate may campaign during the time of or in any regular or special meeting of the Student Senate. Any candidate failing to comply with this provision may be disqualified from the election.
- 763.3 No candidate or representative of a political party shall campaign at any time when to do so would necessitate a violation of University regulations relating to visitation or solicitation on residence hall floors by members of the opposite sex.
- 763.4 Candidates may not campaign or distribute campaign materials in any library or designated study area.
- 763.5 No campaigning shall take place within fifty (50) feet of the door of any polling location or within fifty (50) feet of any queue of voters defined in Section 700.4 (z), S.B.S. waiting to vote, with the exception of the designated outdoor tabling space at the J. Wayne Reitz Union.
- 763.6 No campaigning shall take place using more than one outdoor designated tabling space within a specific tabling area that is registered and provided by the Supervisor of Elections.
- 763.61 "Tabling areas" can include but are not limited to the Turlington Plaza, Reitz Student Union, and Plaza of the Americas.

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All emails sent regarding Student Government elections by candidates, parties, students, faculty, and administrators shall comply with the email usage regulations as promulgated by the Chief Information Officer in the “Acceptable Use of University Computing Resources Policy”. Any candidate, party, Student Government Official, or Officer of a Student Government Funded Organization who violates the rules herein defined shall be referred to the Elections Commission.

Proviso: This bill will take effect immediately following the validation of the Fall 2023 Election results.