

## STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1216

**TITLE:** Name Inclusivity Act – 700 Codes Revision

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- 733.0 No candidate's name shall appear on the ballot when that candidate fails to qualify as a candidate with the Supervisor of Elections prior to the time of the closing of the qualifying period. The qualifying period ends at 5 P.M. on the third Tuesday preceding the spring and fall general elections. After this time a person may change their registration with a political party or change to independent status only if they are not included on the political party's list of candidates listed in Section 742.1, S.B.S. In all cases, only those persons who are not listed on a political party slate as described in Section 742.1, S.B.S. may be reclassified as independent. Political parties may not fill originally vacant candidate slots from those candidates originally classified (before 5:00 PM on the second Wednesday preceding the Spring and Fall General Elections) as independent or non-slated candidates from a different political party.
- 733.01 In order for a candidate who originally qualifies as an independent candidate or who was reclassified by the Supervisor of Elections as an independent candidate under Section 713.4, S.B.S. to become a candidate of a political party, the candidate must change their qualifications in writing with the Supervisor of Elections or the Supervisor of Elections' designated Assistant Supervisor of Elections before the end of qualifying. Candidates who have not been slated by a political party may not change their classification to anything other than independent
- 733.1 All candidates shall qualify under ~~the~~a name with which they are registered at the University of Florida or under a reasonable variation of that name, subject to the approval of the Supervisor of Elections. No candidate may have an assumed name, or a nickname not derived from ~~the~~a name with which is on file at the University of Florida, appear on the ballot. Any attempt to qualify an unregistered assumed name is punishable as a violation of the Student Government Election Code.

*Proviso: This bill shall go into effect for the Fall 2024 elections.*