

Statute Revision, Addition or Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form

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Senate Bill 14

Sponsor(s) Butler



Purpose & Description (Use back if more space is needed)

adding Chapter 411C - Senators
Committee Rights.
See attached

Approved for First Reading _____

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411 C Senator's Committee Rights

C. Committee members will be allowed two (2) unexcused absences, after which point the chair or any member of the committee may call for a motion to remove the senator from the committee. Such a motion will require a 2/3 majority vote of the committee that they serve on. only those who have served on the committee for minimum of one (1) calendar month shall be eligible to vote on this motion. At least five (5) committee members eligible to vote on the matter must be present to vote. If the motion passes the senate president must be immediately notified at the conclusion of the meeting where the motion takes place.

1. For an absence to be excused, the committee member must email the Vice-Chair at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or, in the event of an unforeseen circumstance occurrence on the day of the meeting, 24 hours after the meeting providing information as to why they will not be or was not present. The request shall be approved by a majority vote of the committee at the next meeting. All excused absences must comply with Florida State University policy.
2. Two (2) Tardys shall count as an unexcused absence.
3. Once a Senator has been notified of removal from their assigned committee they will have two (2) business days to submit their availability and request for a new committee assignment to the Senate President.

The Sixty Sixth Student Senate

Resolution 17

Sponsored by Senators Emanuello and Butler

WHEREAS: An individual right to vote is a fundamental American right and fundamental rights should be guaranteed to all Americans in the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The United States is one of the 11 nations that does not have the right to vote in its constitution out of the 119 nations that elect their public officials using democratic elections; and

WHEREAS: The 15th, 19th, and 26th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution prohibit discrimination in voting on the basis of race, sex, and age respectively, and the 24th Amendment prohibits poll taxes, these amendments do not guarantee Americans an affirmative right to vote; and

WHEREAS: The United States ranks in the bottom 20% of nations in voter turnout for presidential elections, and lower in congressional and local elections; and

WHEREAS: Students often face difficulties in voting, such as too many students not being registered to vote, too few polling places being on or near campus and absentee voting procedures being complicated to handle;

WHEREAS: Voter turnout in Florida was 64% of registered voters in the 2012 presidential election and 42.2% of registered voters in the 2010 election; and

WHEREAS: Florida has enacted legislation that could impact eligible voters' ability to vote, such as restricting voter registration drives, making it more difficult for people who move to stay registered, reducing early voting, and requiring voter identification for a regular ballot; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 50% of 18 to 24 year-olds in the State cast a ballot in the 2012 election; and

WHEREAS: The reduction of the early voting period from 14 days to 8 days and the elimination of early voting on the Sunday before Election Day, contributed to a drop in the early voting rate from 32% of all votes cast in 2008 to 29% in 2012; and

WHEREAS: A reduced early voting period contributed to 225,000 fewer Florida voters casting early in-person ballots, resulting in longer lines at the polls on Election Day; and

WHEREAS: Florida ranked 1st among all states in having the longest wait times at the polls on Election Day in 2012; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that more than 200,000 Florida voters gave up on voting, due to long lines on Election Day.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-FIFTH STUDENT SENATE THAT: We hereby affirm that the right to vote is a fundamental citizenship right to be cherished, protected, and exercised.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call on our Members of Congress, and our representatives in the state legislature, to support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would grant an individual right to vote to every American citizen of voting age; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call on members of the Florida Legislature to strengthen the right to vote stated in Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Florida through statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call on the Florida Legislature to repeal House Bill 1355, which places an undue burden on organizations that register voters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We call on the Florida Legislature and Governor Rick Scott to reinstate early voting for at least 14 days before an election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: Copies of this resolution be sent to:

Rosalia Contreras, Florida State University Student Body President

Barack Obama, President of the United States

Rick Scott, Governor of Florida

The Honorable Bill Nelson, United States Senate

The Honorable Marco Rubio, United States Senate

The Honorable Don Gaetz, President of the Florida Senate

The Honorable Will Weaherford, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives

John Marks, Mayor of Tallahassee

The Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Harry Reid, United States Senate

The Honorable Jeff Miller, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Steve Southerland, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Ted Yoho, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Ander Crenshaw, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable John Mica, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Bill Posey, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Alan Grayson, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Daniel Webster, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Rich Nugent, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Kathy Castor, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Dennis Ross, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Vern Buchanan, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Rooney, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Patrick Murphy, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Trey Radel, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Alcee Hastings, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Ted Deutch, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Lois Frankel, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Frederica Wilson, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Joe Garcia, United States House of Representatives
The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, United States House of Representatives

THE SIXTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE
Programming Allocations Committee
Funding Consent Resolution 17
Sponsored by: Senator Marchesini
February 19th, 2014

WHEREAS: The Programming Allocations Committee met on Monday February 19th, 2014;

WHEREAS: The Programming Allocations Committee was petitioned by NUSA and Economics Club;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY-SIXTH STUDENT SENATE THAT: Senate approves the allocations and expenditures of all organizations listed above in the following manner:

Group	Contractual Services	Expense	Food	Clothing	Awards	Lump Sum (Other)
NUSA			210			
Economics Club				1242.50		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS FINAL RESOLUTION BE SENT TO:

Lindsay Wood -- 66TH Student Senate President

Blake Kurlleman -- Student Body Treasurer

Jennifer Lucas -- RTAC Chair

Vicki Dobiynski-Director, Student Affairs

Proviso:

1. Any funds not spent in ninety days, will return to the Program Allocations Committee by all RSO's allocated funds.

~NOTES/PURPOSE available upon request~