West Virginia University

The Student Assembly - Student Government Association

Assembly Bill: AB-2024-10-01

**AN ASSEMBLY BILL TO AMEND THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

| **Short Title: Clarification of Election Thresholds** |  |
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**Whereas,** according to Article V, Section III of the SGA Bylaws, the purpose of the Governing Documents Committee is to, “Critically evaluate the relevance and purpose of this organization’s governing documents”; and,

**Whereas,** upon evaluation of the SGA Constitution, the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee, collectively voted on the following proposed amendment; and,

**Whereas,** the members of the Governing Documents Review Committee believe the following proposed amendment will improve the clarity of Student Government Association election verifications,

***Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** The following changes concerning qualifications for elected positions set forth by the Governing Documents Review Committee shall take effect upon approval by the student body during the annual election:

Article 9.2 shall be amended as:

**9.2 ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTED POSITIONS.**

a. The President, Vice President, and Student Assembly must be elected to a one year term, by the Student Body by a *plurality* vote, during the annual campuswide election, as detailed in the Election Code of Article 7.2. First-semester freshman and first- semester transfer students are not eligible to run in the election;

(1) The President and the Vice President must be elected to a one year term by a plurality as well as meet the minimum threshold of receiving at least 30 percent of votes. In the event that this threshold is not met, refer to the Election Code of Article 6.4 for further information.

(2) The Student Assembly is exempt from a minimum threshold requirement and must follow that of a student body vote by plurality during the annual campus wide election.

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