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Bill for the Constitutional Change of Election Procedures

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Whereas: Elections at Rollins College have been lackluster and have been below quality and un-engaging the student body.

Whereas: Students need to be involved on campus and elections are the most valuable venue that SGA has to facilitate a greater involvement in campus affairs

Whereas: The Committee for Elections has drafted a package of changes to facilitate more involved elections on campus that will facilitate this deficit.

Be it Hereby Resolved, The Student Government Association of Rollins College will:

(1) Make the following changes to the Constitution

1. Qualifications of Candidates for President/Vice President shall be as follows
 - a. Shall be an undergraduate student of Rollins College, with exceptions made for designated 3/2 students in their “senior” year of undergraduate study.
 - b. Shall not be limited to any student based on sex, creed, race, sexual orientation/gender identity, SGA membership, Day/Night student status, degree major, or Greek affiliation.
 - c. Shall have above a 2.8 GPA
 - d. Those candidates designated as running for **President** must plan to remain at Rollins for the duration of the entire academic year in which they are elected.
 - e. Those candidates designated as running for **Vice President** may serve for one academic semester if their ticket has selected two (2) candidates to serve in differing academic semesters.
 - f. Shall have acquired 100 signature petitions to be verified by the Judiciary before the deadline.
 - g. Shall have, at the end of “Election Season”, turned in all receipts and financial documentation for the race and been approved with “good standing” with the Judiciary on this matter.
2. Section 1. Campaign Policy A: DELETE: Posting is only allowed one week prior to the first date of the election
3. DELETE Section B, regarding campaigning within the “Voting Location”

4. Section C: Change amount of limit to \$500 which will be provided by SGA after securing 100 signature petitions.
5. DELETE Section F on Donations
6. DELETE Section G on the grounds of Freedom of Speech.
7. Add section: Regarding Election Timeline:
 - a. Petition drive for P/VP race shall begin before the third Monday after spring break and shall continue till the Friday of that week.
 - b. Judicial Board shall review and approve petitions that weekend.
 - c. The Monday after shall begin the campaign period
 - d. The campaign shall last for 4 whole weeks
 - e. Voting shall begin starting the Monday of the 4th week of campaigning and end at 11:59 p.m. on the Friday of that week.
8. Add to Section L: Formal Complaints **made against candidates or the Judiciary/Election Committee** must be made...
9. Add Section: Regarding Presidential Ticket. The President and Vice President shall run together on one ticket.
10. Add Section: Senators shall run for office at the same time as President and Vice President.
11. In the event that Executive appointments consist of newly elected Senators, a special election may be held in the Fall Term concurrent with Freshman Senator elections to fill the vacated seats. This election, like all others, will be overseen by the Chief Justice and appropriate officers of the committee of his designation.

(2) SGA will Allocate the appropriate funds to candidates after successful acquisition of petitions. In the amount of \$500 per ticket.

(3) This package will be passed by Roll Call vote.