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**A Bill -**

A bill entitled "Election Code Modification Act," which amends the Student Government Code to provide for increased opportunity and visibility during the campaigning period.

1 **WHEREAS:** Student Government maintains an effective election  
2 process and authorized campaign period and;

3 **WHEREAS:** Student Government works to maximize student  
4 participation in the election process in order to  
5 accurately represent the voice of the student body  
6 and;

7 **WHEREAS:** This bill has been compiled and is authorized by the  
8 Student Government Constitution Article III, Section  
9 10 (a), (j); therefore

10 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the text in the Student Government Code  
11 Title III, Chapter 100, Article II, Section 5 be

12 amended by striking out all related sections and  
13 replacing it with:

14 **§5 SUBMISSION OF CAMPAIGN WORKERS.** Each candidate is not  
15 required to submit a list of campaign workers. The  
16 candidate is free to use workers at their discretion.  
17 However, the candidate takes full responsibility of  
18 material produced by workers associated with their  
19 campaign.

20 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the text in the Student Government Code  
21 Title III, Chapter 102, Article I, Section 1 be  
22 amended by striking out all related sections and  
23 replacing it with:

24 **§1 FILING PERIOD.** The filing period shall open at 9:00  
25 a.m. on the last Monday of the fall semester and shall  
26 remain open until 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the  
27 spring semester.

28 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
29 Chapter 102, Article I, Section 4 be amended by  
30 striking out the words worker and associates.

31 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
32 Chapter 103, Article I, Section 1 be amended by  
33 striking out all related sections and replacing it  
34 with:

35 **§1 DATE OF RULES READING SEMINAR.** The Election Board shall  
36 conduct two (2) Rules Reading Seminars. The first  
37 Rules Reading Seminar shall be on the last day of the  
38 filing period after filing has closed. The second  
39 Rules Reading Seminar shall be on the following  
40 Monday. The Rules Reading Seminars will be mandatory  
41 attendance activities for all candidates.

42 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
43 Chapter 103, Article II, Section 2 be amended by  
44 striking out all related sections and replacing it  
45 with:

46 **§2 AUTHORIZED CAMPAIGN PERIOD.** Public, printed, verbal, and  
47 electronic campaigning shall be prohibited until the  
48 day after the final Rules Reading Seminar. Campaigning  
49 will then be permitted until the final voting day of  
50 the general election. Campaigning is permitted in the  
51 case of a runoff election from the first day after the  
52 runoff race is announced until the final day of  
53 voting.

54 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
55 Chapter 105, Article II, Section 12 be amended by  
56 Striking out all related sections and subsections and  
57 replacing them with:

58 §12           **RESTRICTED ACTIVITY.** Any activity which is not  
59 expressly allowed within the boundaries of this  
60 Election Code is hereby expressly denied except by  
61 clear and distinct ruling by the Election Board prior  
62 to commission of the activity.

63       (a) Campaigning within academic buildings is permissible,  
64       subject to college or administrative approval.

65       (b) Campaigning in the LBJ Student Center Teaching Theater  
66       is prohibited.

67       (c) Campaigning within residence halls is permissible,  
68       subject to approval from the Department of Housing and  
69       Residential Life.

70       (d) If campaigning is prohibited in a Residence Hall or  
71       academic building for one candidate, it shall be  
72       deemed prohibited for all candidates.

73 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
74       Chapter 105, Article II, Section 13 be amended by  
75       striking out all related sections completely and  
76       adjusting the section numbering accordingly.

77 **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III,  
78       Chapter 105, Article II, Section 15 and 16 be amended  
79       by striking out all related sections and replacing  
80       them with:

81 §14           **ORGANIZATION ENDORSEMENT.** Chartered Student  
82                   Organizations may not provide support of any  
83                   candidate.

84 §15           **ENDORSEMENTS BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT.** Members of  
85                   Student Government may endorse candidates for office  
86                   individually. However, groups shall not be allowed to  
87                   assemble within the Senate to work on campaigns for  
88                   other candidates.

89 **BE IT ENACTED:** That upon passage this bill be forwarded to  
90                   Student Body President Andrew Homann for further  
91                   action.