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

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

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

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

BE IT ENACTED: That the text in the Student Government Code Title III, Chapter 100, Article II, Section 5 be
amended by striking out all related sections and replacing it with:

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

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

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

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

BE IT ENACTED: That the Student Government Code Title III, Chapter 103, Article I, Section 1 be amended by striking out all related sections and replacing it with:
§1 **DATE OF RULES READING SEMINAR.** The Election Board shall conduct two (2) Rules Reading Seminars. The first Rules Reading Seminar shall be on the last day of the filing period after filing has closed. The second Rules Reading Seminar shall be on the following Monday. The Rules Reading Seminars will be mandatory attendance activities for all candidates.

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

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

**BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III, Chapter 105, Article II, Section 12 be amended by Striking out all related sections and subsections and replacing them with:
§12 **RESTRICTED ACTIVITY.** Any activity which is not expressly allowed within the boundaries of this Election Code is hereby expressly denied except by clear and distinct ruling by the Election Board prior to commission of the activity.

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code Title III, Chapter 105, Article II, Section 15 and 16 be amended by striking out all related sections and replacing them with:
§14 ORGANIZATION ENDORSEMENT. Chartered Student Organizations may not provide support of any candidate.

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

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