Campus Early Voting Policy

To encourage Texas State University’s administration to have a standing relationship with the city to always have one week of consistent on-campus polling.

WHEREAS: Most students are of legal voting age; and

WHEREAS: As members of Student Government we value civic engagement and representation; and

WHEREAS: Texas State students care about their civic engagement and representation (Sandra Sadek, Battle Erupts for Extended Early Voting at Texas State University); and

WHEREAS: College students have incredibly busy schedules or difficulty voting off-campus, as demonstrated in the primary elections earlier this year in which 7.62% of voters in Hays County participated (Hays County Texas Official Cumulative Report May 22, 2018 Primary Run-off Election, Hays County Government Website); and

WHEREAS: In the November 2017 General Election, 1.07% of Precinct 334’s registered voters participated (Hays County, Texas Unofficial Canvass Report Total Voters November 7, 2017 General Election, Hays County Government Website); and

WHEREAS: Hosting polling stations for San Marcos, Hays County, and Caldwell County elections would significantly help students vote; and

WHEREAS: Neglecting the needs of underrepresented populations in a way that discourages their voter engagement is voter suppression; and

WHEREAS: Voter precinct 334’s designated polling location is at Crockett Elementary, which is not convenient or accessible for many students within this precinct (Hays County Government Website); and
WHEREAS: Texas State University already hosts polling stations during early voting; and

WHEREAS: Hosting consistent on-campus polling stations would provide reliability, convenience, accessibility, and support for our voting Bobcats; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government of Texas State University calls on Texas State University administration to coordinate and secure at least a full week of on-campus polling stations for all elections henceforth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That upon passage, this Simple Resolution be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.