

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

85<sup>th</sup> SESSION  
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S. B. 85-

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTIONS CODE

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IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

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NOVEMBER 28TH, 2017

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR THUMMEL TO THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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**A BILL**

To Amend the Elections Code

1       *Whereas*, it is important that any changes made to the elections procedure are properly reflected  
2 in the Statues of the Associated Students;

3       *Whereas*, The current election code states “No candidate or agent of a candidate shall actively or  
4 passively campaign to any voter from within a distance of 25 feet of the location;”

5       *Whereas*, This rule cannot be applied to any content that is posted online, including but not  
6 limited to; social media, websites, and emails;

7       *Whereas*, candidates are currently required to submit two copies of all campaign materials or  
8 pictures of each campaign material within 48 hours of that materials dissemination;

9       *Whereas*, with the creation of the new drop box system that allows pictures of campaign material  
10 to be submitted online, there only needs to be one copy submitted online and in order to prevent any

1 violations of the elections code, all copies must be submitted prior to the dissemination of the  
2 campaign material;

3 Whereas, there is currently no mention of campaign donations in the Election Code, even  
4 though candidates are allowed to receive campaign donations;

5 *Be it enacted by the Senate of the Associated Students,*

- 6 a) SAS.VII.702.04.C.04. 03 be amended to read “No candidate or agent of a candidate  
7 shall actively or passively campaign to a voter within 25 feet of the location except if  
8 the campaign material falls under one of the following materials: a) Social Media b)  
9 Website c) Email.
- 10 b) SAS. VII. 702. 14. E. 02 be amended to read “Failing to file a copy of all campaign  
11 material prior to dissemination of the campaign material.”
- 12 c) SAS. VII. 702. 14. E. 08 be amended to read “Failing to turn in campaign finance  
13 receipts as required by section 20.”
- 14 d) SAS. VII. 702. 20. A. 02. Be amended to read “Campaign material is defined as  
15 material initiated by a candidate, with the intent to contact voters publicly, that  
16 explicitly speaks, pleads, or argues in favor of the election or defeat of a candidate.  
17 This includes all online or web-based mediums that contact voters publicly.”
- 18 e) SAS. VII. 702. 20. B. 04 Be amended to read “It shall be the responsibility of the  
19 candidate to provide one copy of all campaign material to the Commission before any  
20 campaign materials have been disbursed.”
- 21 f) SAS. VII. 702. 20. B. 05 Be amended to read “It shall be the responsibility of the  
22 candidate to provide proof of purchase or proof of donation of campaign materials  
23 prior to dissemination. If unable to provide a receipt, they may indicate so and  
24 instead provide an estimate of fair market value. Receipts must be provided  
25 beginning with the Candidates’ Meeting and thereafter.”
- 26 g) SAS. VII. 702. 20. D. Be created and titled “Campaign Donations.”

