

Committee on Government Operations

Senate of the Associated Students 88th Session
Agenda for Tuesday, September 30th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: Email Victoria Supple at speakerprotempore@asun.unr.edu for more information

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER***

2. **ROLL CALL***

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT***

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4. **MINUTES**

There are no minutes to be approved at this time.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business at this time.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **S.B. 88- An Act to Amend Recall Election Procedures**

The committee will discuss and consider favorably recommending the legislation.

b. **Senator Reports**

Senators sitting on the committee will report their work on projects and creating legislation.

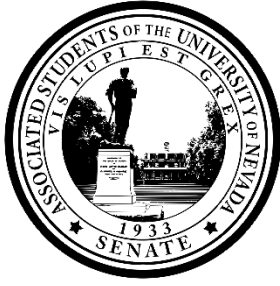
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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

9. **NOTES.**

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[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

88th SESSION
2020-2021

S. B. 88-

AN ACT TO AMEND RECALL ELECTION PROCEDURES

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

A BILL

AN ACT TO AMEND RECALL ELECTION PROCEDURES

1 *Whereas*, the ASUN elections recall process calls for all voters who voted in the previous ASUN
2 election to vote in the event of a recall election¹;

3 *Whereas*, for all of the voters who graduated after the election and are no longer students at the
4 University of Nevada Reno are not able to vote;

5 *Whereas*, students who graduated are no longer students of the Associated Students of the University
6 of Nevada and are not able to vote in a recall election;

7 *Whereas*, all the incoming freshmen and transfer students at the University of Nevada, Reno were not
8 students at the time of the initial ASUN election making them ineligible to vote in the recall election;

9 *Whereas*, incoming freshmen and transfer students are students of the Associated Students of the
10 University of Nevada are not able to vote in a recall election;

11 *Whereas*, the duties of an elected senate are to represent all student with majors in their college and
12 the duties of the vice president and the president of the association represent all undergraduate students at
13 the University of Nevada, Reno;

14 *Whereas*, the recall process does not include all undergraduate students of the University of Nevada,
15 Reno;

16 *Whereas*, for a recall election to proceed, a student must file a notice of intent and receive signatures
17 from students on a petition per the Statutes of the Associated Students²;

18 *Whereas*, the recall process requires all students who want to petition an elected official must be
19 present in signing a petition;

20 *Whereas*, electronic signatures are not permitted under the Nevada Revised Statutes³;

21 *Whereas*, due to the pandemic at the current time, students may not feel comfortable signing a
22 petition in person;

23 *Whereas*, as university life changes, many students do not actively live in the Reno area or physically
24 come to campus;

25 *Whereas*, the Office of the President stated that a maximum between 2.6 and 4 percent of students are
26 on campus at any given time out of 20,700 students;

27 *Whereas*, requiring in person signatures does not align with the values of ASUN, as it creates
28 unnecessary barriers for students to use their voice in a democratic setting;

29 *Whereas*, because voting is able to occur online, students should be able to also be able to recall a vote
30 through online platforms;

31 Be it enacted, the Statutes of the Associated Students is amended to reflect the changes in
32 Addendum A.

¹ http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/14090844/asun_constitution_11.5.18.pdf

² http://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/30112111/53996411_88-sas_original.pdf

³ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-295.html#NRS295Sec095>

Addendum A

TITLE VII

CHAPTER 702

SECTION 10: RECALL ELECTIONS

- a) Before a petition to recall a public officer is circulated, the individuals proposing to circulate the petition must file a notice of intent with the Attorney General.
- b) After the notice of intent has been filed, the petitioner may begin collecting the constitutionally required number of signatures to initiate a recall election.
- c) If the number of signatures is achieved the special election shall be held in accordance with the ASUN Constitution by the Director of Elections and Democratic Education.
- ~~d) The Recall Election shall be held in compliance with the Election Code as deemed appropriate by the Director of Elections and Democratic Education.~~
- d) Recall Election Protocol
 - 1) Signatures may be obtained through physical or electronic means, it is the discretion of the petitioner to determine platforms and logistics.
 - 2) Eligibility to sign a recall petition: All students enrolled in a minimum of one (1) undergraduate credit at the University of Nevada, Reno at the time of signing are eligible to sign the recall petition. Providing a NetID and full name is required to verify eligibility.
 - 3) Eligibility to vote in a recall election of a senator: All students enrolled in the senator's respective college with a minimum of one (1) undergraduate credit at the University of Nevada, Reno at the time of the recall election are eligible to vote in the senator's recall election. Providing a NetID and full name is required to verify eligibility.
 - 4) Eligibility to vote in a recall election of the President and/or the Vice President: All students enrolled in a minimum of one (1) undergraduate credit at the University of Nevada, Reno at the time of the recall election are eligible to vote in the recall election of the President and/or Vice President. Providing NetID and full name is required to verify eligibility.