



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

*89<sup>th</sup> Session, 2021-2022*

## **AN ACT TO AMEND THE ASUN CONSTITUTION TO DECREASE THE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTED JUSTICES**

Bill Number: 11

Authored By: Senator Guevin

Sponsored By: 2021-2022 Student Government Assembly

*Whereas*, the Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Article IV, Section 1(b) reads, “QUALIFICATIONS — No person shall be appointed a Justice who has not completed 60 undergraduate credits and been a member of the Association for two consecutive semesters;”<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, the Statutes of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada Title III: the Judicial Branch, Chapter 301: Judicial Branch Composition, Section 01: Composition: reads, “the Judicial Branch is comprised of four Associate Justices including a Senior Associate Justice, one Chief Justice and Judicial Interns, each appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada to serve a two-year term;”<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, decreasing the credit requirement for the Associate Justice position would increase opportunity for students to participate in the Association;

*Whereas*, this leaves a small pool of applicants and a low participation in an integral branch of the Association;

*Whereas*, specifically, this new measure would grant larger access to the specific position that judicial interns train for;

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<sup>1</sup> Constitution of the Associated Students: [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/53996411\\_89-ASUNConstitution\\_November2021.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/53996411_89-ASUNConstitution_November2021.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Statutes of the Associated Students: [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/53996411\\_89-sas\\_12-19-2021\\_101.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/53996411_89-sas_12-19-2021_101.pdf)

*Whereas*, it is within the Chief Justice’s job duties to plan, organize, and execute the judicial internship program to include judicial content that is curtailed to an eventual position within the Judicial Branch of the Association;<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, given that the judicial interns are typically students who have not reached the current 60 credit requirement, the current requirement disincentivizes immediate intern engagement with the position they trained for;

*Whereas*, this restricts otherwise qualified applicants and only allows students late in their undergraduate education to serve on Judicial Council;

*Whereas*, Justices serve a two-year term, and often do not complete their full term due to early resignation by means of graduation;

*Whereas*, this discourages students from applying for judicial positions because of not qualifying by the requirements and not being able to serve a full tenure;

*Be it enacted*, pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Associated Students, upon the passage of this bill, a question seeking approval of decreasing the undergraduate credit requirement for justices in the following ballot question: “*Shall the Associated Students of the University of Nevada decrease the 60 undergraduate credits requirement for appointed Justices to 30 undergraduate credits to increase the opportunity for students of the University of Nevada, Reno to be appointed as Justices?*”

Adopted in Senate on February 16th, 2022

Attest:

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Jake Schein, Speaker of the Senate

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Austin Brown, President of the Associated Students

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<sup>3</sup> Statutes of the Associated Students: [https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/53996411\\_89-sas\\_12-19-2021\\_101.pdf](https://de5u0yfu98nbk.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/53996411_89-sas_12-19-2021_101.pdf)

I certify that this Act originated in the Senate.

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Wyatt Layland, Senate Secretary

## **Addendum A**

### **ARTICLE IV—THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

#### **SECTION 1.**

The judicial authority of the Association shall rest with a Judicial Council of the Associated Students.

**(a) COMPOSITION AND TERM** — The Council shall consist of a Chief Justice of the Associated Students and four Associate Justices, who shall serve terms of two years.

**(b) QUALIFICATIONS** — No person shall be appointed a Justice who has not completed 30 undergraduate credits and been a member of the Association for two consecutive semesters.

**(c) REQUIREMENT OF GOOD STANDING** — A Justice may not continue to serve in office who is not in good disciplinary standing with the University.

**(d) COMPENSATION** — Justices shall receive a compensation for their services, which shall not be decreased during their continuation in office.