**LEGISLATIVE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**BILL FA 2021-003 (Elections)** **FALL 2021 SESSION**

**** Bylaw

**Legislative Action:**  Proposed Legislation to submit additions to GPSA Bylaws

Introduced by: **Ana Paula Milan** \_\_\_

1st Reading: \_\_LSC Referred To: Council

2nd Reading: \_\_\_\_ Committee Action:

3rd Reading: \_\_\_\_ Council Action: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Executive Action**:

 Approved  Vetoed

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GPSA President Date

Unsigned by the President on this \_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021. Bill automatically becomes law.

**Legislative Response**:

Veto override vote taken: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Council Action: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of key points:

* Add a deadline to the submission of the referendum items, create a candidate meeting for the general election, and specify where students can vote for the general election.

Found in GPSA Bylaws:

Article X. Election Code, Sections 2, 3, 6 (p.53-55).

Section 2. Referenda

1. All referendum items are submitted to the Elections Committee via the Elections Chair or the GPSA Office. (Constitution VII.A-B.)
2. **All referendum items must be submitted at least two (2) weeks before the general election.**

Section 3. Candidate and Voter Eligibility:

1. **The Election Committee will hold a candidate meeting for all candidates at least nine (9) days, but no more than eleven (11) days prior to the general election.**
2. **In order for a candidate’s name to appear on the ballot, the candidate must attend the Candidate Meeting that will be called by the Elections Chair.**
3. **If a candidate is unable to attend the Candidate Meeting, their designated legal representative may represent the candidate provided that the Legal Representative Form was presented to the Elections Commission prior to the start of the Candidate Meeting.**
4. **Even in the case of absence, candidates shall be held accountable for all information presented and distributed at the Candidate Meeting.**
5. **At the candidate meeting, candidates will be randomly assigned their ballots’ number and briefed on all sections of the Elections Code that the Elections Chair deems necessary.**

Section 6. General Election:

1. Ballots and Polling:

3. Polling: voters must log in **my.unm.edu, with their** UNM NetID and password on record with the Registrar’s Office to cast a ballot.