

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 Chair-Henkel

2nd Reading: 11.26.2021

3rd Reading: 01.29.2022

Referred To: LSC

Committee Action: 3-0-1 Passed

Council Action: 11-0-1 Passed

Executive Action:

X Approved Vetoed



David C. Saavedra

GPSA President

Monday, February 14, 2022

Date

Unsigned by the President on this **15th** day of **February** 2022. Bill automatically becomes law.

Legislative Response:

Veto override vote taken: _____

Council Action: _____

Affiliation with External Groups and Sponsors

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

A. All referendum items are submitted to the Elections Committee via the Elections Chair or the GPSA Office. (Constitution VII.A-B.)

1. **All referendum items must be submitted at least two (2) weeks before the general election.**

Section 3. Candidate and Voter Eligibility:

Key: Bold text = new wording

Non-bold text = original wording

Strikeout = eliminated language

Comment = New Comment margin note preferred. May also put text in red

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

52 Section 6. General Election:

53 **D. Ballots and Polling:**

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