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**University of Central Florida
Fifty Sixth Student Body Senate
Internal Bill 56-28**

[Updates to Title VI: Contest of Election]

WHEREAS, Statutes require constant updates and revision to best serve the Student Body;

WHEREAS, The proposed amendments enhance transparency and fairness in the election process;

WHEREAS, This legislation ensures clarity and consistency in addressing election contests;

WHEREAS, This bill aims to uphold the integrity of Student Government elections; and

WHEREAS, This Bill will go into effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the Fifty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida that Title IV be amended as follows:

Chapter 607 Contest of Election

607.1 Any student who is enrolled at the University of Central Florida and who was eligible to vote in the election, including unsuccessful candidates for office, may file a complaint of contest.

607.42 Any contest of a campaign or an election by a candidate/ticket shall be submitted in the form of a typed letter and signed. This letter of contest shall be delivered to the Student Government Advisor or Designee, as well as a copy to the Chief Justice, ~~and the~~ Supervisor of Elections, **and Attorney General**, no later than 5:00 p.m. one (1) academic week following public posting of each election's results.

607.3 Grounds for contest of election include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Misconduct, fraud, or corruption on the part of any election official or any member of the Election Commission sufficient to change or place in doubt the results of the election.**
- B. Ineligibility of the successful candidate for the nomination or office in dispute**
- C. Receipt of a number of invalid votes or rejection of a number of valid votes efficient to change or place in doubt the result of the election.**
- D. Proof that any elector, election official, or Election Commissioner was given or offered a bribe or reward in money, property, or any other thing of value for the purpose of procuring the successful candidate's election or determining the result on any question submitted by referendum.**

607.24 The Election Commission shall review all contests and formulate a decision within one (1) academic week based on the case presented. This decision may be further appealed to the Judicial Council.

- A. If the ~~appeal~~ contest of any candidate/ticket is based upon direct action of the Election Commission, it shall be reviewed by the Judicial Council and bypass the Election Commission.**
- B. The Judicial Council will review appeals using the preponderance of evidence standard of proof. This standard of proof shall extend to the circumstances outlined in 607.4 (A).**
- C. The Judicial Council shall conduct contest and appeal hearings in accordance with the Judicial Rules of Procedure (JRP).**

607.35 Notification of the Election Commission decision shall be presented to the candidate/ticket forty-eight (48) hours after the decision is made.

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