**PURDUE STUDENT SENATE**

BILL 22-56

*“Emergency Legislation: Postpone Deadline for Submitted Signatures from March 7, 2024 at 11:59pm to March 10, 2024 at 11:59pm”*

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Sponsor(s):

Agenda Date(s): March 6th, 2024

Assigned to: N/A

Recommendations:

Action(s):

President Pro Tempore: Gabriela Da Silva

Student Senate President: Andrew Askounis

Student Body President: Shye Robinson

*WHEREAS,* the petition for candidacy deadline is approaching and few campaigns are on track to satisfy the requirement, creating a situation where no campaigns would be on the ballot; and

*WHEREAS*, campaigns have had a shorter period (~3 weeks) this election cycle to gather signatures than previous years (~4 weeks); and

*WHEREAS*, communication with Purdue Indy has been limited due to administrative challenges associated with gathering contact information, so the first virtual elections callout was held March 5th 2024; and

*WHEREAS,* Purdue Indy students running for the Vice President – Indy or “Indy College” seats were given the same requirements as West Lafayette students running for President/Vice President and seats for their respective colleges.

**Therefore, be it ENACTED,**

THAT the deadline for all candidates, including President/Vice President tickets and senators, to obtain their respective signature requirements be extended to Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 11:59pm. Student Activities and Organizations will review and verify signatures on Monday, March 11, 2024. The required meeting to be held between approved Presidential/Vice Presidential campaigns and the Elections Committee may be held any time between Monday, March 11, 2024 and Monday, March 18, 2024.

THAT candidates running for the position Vice President – Purdue Indy and Senator representing the newly created college “Purdue Indy” have their signature requirements waived. This allows for the rest of their election to follow the same schedule as the one used in West Lafayette. The requirement to be allowed on the ballot for either position listed above would be a fully completed Intent to Run form with supporting documents submitted to the elections committee no later than March 10, 2024 at 11:59pm. Students based out of Indianapolis running for senate seats in the Engineering, Polytechnic, or Science colleges would NOT have their signature requirements waived out of fairness to candidates running from West Lafayette.

THAT this year’s petition signature requirement for all elections be decreased by 25% due to the shortened petitioning period.

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