



1 **Sponsor:** Vice President of the Assembly McMahon, President of the Assembly Larson, Student Body  
 2 President Owens

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4 Amendment to the Student Election Code Article VI Section 3, Subsection B

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6 WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is the official student governing body for Illinois State  
 7 University;

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9 WHEREAS, “The *Student Elections Code* shall govern and regulate student elections. Effective and  
 10 representative student participation constitutes an essential part of the shared governance system at  
 11 Illinois State University. Only when student elections are conducted in an equitable and judicious manner  
 12 can an atmosphere conducive to responsible representation exist.”;

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14 WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is an oversight organization to the *Student Elections*  
 15 *Code and Committee*;

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17 WHEREAS, the Student Government Association may as an oversight organization in conjunction with  
 18 the Association of Resident Halls, amend the *Student Elections Code*;

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20 WHEREAS, in the interests of transparency and equality the *Student Elections Code* provides for the  
 21 administration of write-in votes;

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23 WHEREAS, the *Student Elections Code* does not provide for the direct implementation of a process  
 24 governing the totals and thresholds needed for election as a write-in candidate;

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26 WHEREAS, the *Student Elections Code* states, “3. Write-In Balloting. The SEC shall establish a  
 27 mechanism by which a student may cast a write- in vote that shall be counted as a legal vote in the final  
 28 tabulation. Write-in balloting must be available through the online voting process.”;

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30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED ; that the *Student Elections Code* Article VI Section 3, Subsection C  
 31 shall be amended to state, “3. Write-In Balloting. The SEC shall establish a mechanism by which a  
 32 student may cast a write- in vote that shall be counted as a legal vote in the final tabulation. Write-in  
 33 balloting must be available through the online voting process. “Candidates seeking election as a write-in  
 34 must achieve at least 10% of total votes cast in the elections process by the constituent group in order to  
 35 be eligible. Achieving the minimum 10% of votes does not override the order of finish for eligible  
 36 candidates.”;

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Student Government Association shall send this  
 39 amendment to the Association of Residence Halls for immediate ratification.

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42 Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012

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44 We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this resolution by the Assembly of the  
 45 Student Government Association:

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 Zach Owens, Student Body President

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Andrew Larson, President of the Assembly



52 I hereunto set my hand in witness and certification of the adoption of this resolution by the Assembly of  
53 the Student Government Association:

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Erin Collins, Secretary of the Assembly

Vote: 13Y 2A 3N

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