

BILL #4005
Defining Major and Minor Violations in the Elections Code

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WHEREAS: The ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code does not specify which rules violations constitute a major or minor violation; and,

WHEREAS: In current practice, the Elections Committee defines what is a major and minor violation at its discretion on a case-by-case basis; and,

WHEREAS: This exacerbates the risk of arbitrary and inconsistent punishment for elections violations; and,

WHEREAS: Defining which rules violations constitute major and minor violations will improve the transparency of the elections process.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That Section A of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section A: Candidates running for any elected position in ASCSU must at all times abide by the ASCSU Code of Ethics. Failure to abide by the ASCSU Code of Ethics will be considered a major violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section C of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section C: All campaign material of any kind must be approved by an Elections Committee member prior to use. Candidates and campaigns must provide copies and/or photos of all materials submitted for approval, and the Elections Committee shall retain submitted copies. Failure to get campaign material approved will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section D of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section D: All registered trademark University logos may not be used without following proper University guidelines. Failure to follow University guidelines, when using a registered trademark University logo, will be considered a major violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section E of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section E: The use of the ASCSU logo, or any ASCSU material (such as clothing, nametag, etc.) shall be prohibited from use in an campaigning and from inclusion in any campaign material. The purpose of this rule shall be to prevent confusion on the part of the student body as to whether a candidate is campaigning, or performing the duties of any office the candidate currently holds in ASCSU. The use of the ASCSU logo, or any ASCSU material (such as clothing, nametag, etc.) will be considered a major violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section F of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section F: Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from using items provided by student fee dollars in campaigning. Candidates and campaigns shall be prohibited from attaching campaign-related material to items provided by student fee dollars. Using student fees for campaigning will be considered a major violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section G of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section G: No campaign material may be posted on or attached in any way to a vehicle with the expressed permission of the owner. Posting campaign material on a vehicle without expressed permission of the owner will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section H of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section H: No campaign material may be attached to Collegian distribution boxes, other newspaper or recycling bins, or any Transfort busses or depots. Attaching campaign materials to the aforementioned areas will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section I of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section I: The appropriate parties must approve the placement of campaign material inside any campus building. Approval to place campaign materials within the Lory Student Center must be obtained from the Campus Activities Information Desk and be placed according to Lory Student Center Governing Board guidelines. Failure to follow University building guidelines will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section J of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section J: Approval to campaign or to place campaign materials within the Residence Halls must be obtained from the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Campaign materials may only be posted on the doors of Residence Hall rooms only with the expressed permission of the residents occupying the room. Any mailing to residents of the Residence Halls must be done in accordance with the policies of the Residence Hall Association and the Office of Housing and Residence Life. Failure to follow the Office of Housing and Residence Life guidelines to place campaign materials will be considered a minor violation. Failure to follow Residence Hall Association and the Office of Housing and Residence Life guidelines to mail to Residence Hall rooms will result in an assessment of fair market value.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section K of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section K: Campaign materials may be posted in campus buildings only on recognized campus bulletin boards and kiosks. The stairwells of campus structures shall not be available for the posting of campaign

materials. Failure to post campaign materials in campus building on recognized campus bulletin boards and kiosks will be considered a minor violation. Posting campaign materials in the stairwells of campus structures will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section L of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section L: The use of paint for campaigning on any Colorado State University owned property is prohibited and will be considered a major violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section M of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section M: No campaign material may be taped to the ground, walkways, or parking areas. Taping campaign materials to the ground, walkways, or parking areas will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section N of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section N: Candidates and campaigns shall be permitted to chalk only within the recognized free speech zone on the east plaza of the Lory Student Center. Chalking anywhere other than the permitted zone will be considered a minor violation.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section O of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be amended to read as follows:

“Section O: No campaign material, campaign supporter, or campaigning of any kind shall be permitted within 50 feet of any official polling place on the days of elections or referenda. No campaign material or campaigning of any kind shall be permitted within 25 feet of any official polling place administered by ASCSU on the east plaza of the Lory Student Center. Campaigning within the restricted zones during the days of elections and referenda will be considered a major violation.; and,

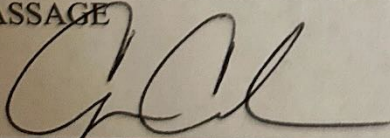
THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That Section Q Subsection f of Article IX of the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code be added to the ASCSU Referenda and Elections Code:

“Section Q Subsection f: Failure to follow the Drug/Alcohol policies will be considered a major violation.”

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