



1 **Associated Student Government**  
2 *University of Arkansas*

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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 1*

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6 Sponsor(s): Senator Kaitlyn Smythe, Senator Maddie Jones, Senator Lauren  
7 Meltzer, Senator Sarkis Kalajyan, Senator Colton Simpson, Senator  
8 Terah Bryson, and Senator Jack Switzer

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10 **A Resolution To Expand Students and Faculty the Opportunity To**  
11 **Vote**

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13 Whereas, The Presidential, Congressional, and local elections will be  
14 held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020; and

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16 Whereas, According to the most recent data, approximately 6,700  
17 University of Arkansas students are from Washington and  
18 Benton County. An additional 800 students are also from the  
19 River Valley region in Arkansas; and

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21 Whereas, The vast majority of the 4550 combined faculty and staff are  
22 residents of Northwest Arkansas; and

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24 Whereas, Nationally, only 50% of adults in the 18-29 age range  
25 participated in the 2016 US Election; and

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27 Whereas, Unlike other states that allow for broad mail-in voting, a  
28 resident of Arkansas must be unable to attend the physical  
29 polling site on election day due to one of the following  
30 criteria: unavoidable absence, illness or physical disability,  
31 military-related absence of one or their dependent, or  
32 temporary residence outside the United States or COVID-19  
33 related absence; and

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35 Whereas, Students may be discouraged to vote due to longer lines  
36 caused by safety precautions taken at polling places because  
37 of COVID-19; and

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39 Whereas, The University of Arkansas has shown and expressed a  
40 commitment encouraging voter turnout amongst students;  
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43 Whereas, Four University of Arkansas Benchmark Institutions have  
44 enacted either an academic holiday or asynchronous class  
45 day on Election Day; and  
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Whereas, Asynchronous learning is defined as learning that does not  
50 require real-time interaction; instead, content is available  
51 online for students to access when it best suits their  
52 schedules, and assignments are completed to deadlines; and  
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Be it therefore resolved: The Associated Student Government Senate  
55 calls on the University of Arkansas to mandate  
56 Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> an asynchronous class  
57 day to give students and faculty the  
58 opportunity to cast their ballot.  
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Be it therefore resolved: A copy of this resolution be sent to Interim  
61 Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic  
62 Affairs Charles F. Robinson and Vice Provost  
63 Terry Martin.  
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Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_

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67 Vote Count: Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

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69 Legislation Status: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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