**Associated Student Government**

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Joint Bill No. 2*

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**The Campaign Reformation Act of 2016-2017**

Whereas, Over $40,000 was spent in the 2016 General Election last year between executive and legislative candidates; and

Whereas, The current expenditure caps for the Associated Student Government of the University of Arkansas for the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are $5000 combined; and

Whereas, The current expenditure cap for the Treasurer and Secretary candidates is $2500 each; and

Whereas, The expenditure cap for Senatorial candidates is $500 each; and

Whereas, SEC universities University of Mississippi, Auburn University, Texas A&M University, Louisiana State University, and Mississippi State University have expenditure caps of $1500 or less for executive candidates; and

Whereas, Non-SEC Universities University of Washington, University of Michigan, Oklahoma State University also do not exceed this expenditure; and

Whereas, These same universities have expenditure caps of $250 for Senate or Representative races; and

Whereas, The high cost of campaign expenditures can be a deterrent to individuals considering running in elections; and

Whereas, This will open elections to a larger pool of students and strengthen the voice of the Associated Student Government in serving students; and

Be it therefore resolved: That Title VII, Section 7, Sub-Section A of the ASG Code be changed to “No Presidential-Vice Presidential official ticket campaign may spend more than three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) total, including donations, for the general election. No Treasurer or Secretary candidate’s campaign may spend more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) total, including donations, for the general election. In the case of a run-off election, each Presidential-Vice Presidential ticket will be allowed a total of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) in campaign expenses per run-off campaign, while each Treasurer and Secretary candidate will be allowed a total of five hundred dollars ($500.00) in campaign expenses per run-off campaign.”; and

Be it further resolved: That Title VII, Section 7, Sub-Section B of the ASG Code be changed to “No Senate or Representative candidate’s campaign may spend more than three hundred and ten dollars ($310.00) total, including donations for the general election. In the case of a run-off, each candidate will be allowed a total of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) in campaign expenses per run-off campaign.”

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Amendments: Amended lines 71 through 75

Vote Count: Aye Nay Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed Failed­ Other

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Connor Flocks, ASG President Date