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- d) Attorney General;
- e) Treasurer;
- f) Director of Council

2. The Election Chair shall chair the Election Commission, but shall receive no vote.

D. After being approved by the Senate, the Election Commission shall schedule and attend a meeting with the Rules and Regulations Department to be oriented to the election code.

E. The duties of the Election Commission shall include:

1. Deciding the dates for the Spring Election, and publicizing them, as provided for within this code.
2. The responsibility for running Spring Election and any referendums that are attached to such election.
3. Hosting the required candidate meeting for all candidates running in the Spring election.
4. Ensuring that all rules of the Spring Election Code are obeyed, the hearing of testimony and evidence compiled by the plaintiff or defendant and ruling on election protest.
5. Create a report of the results to be presented to the candidates, via official email, and to the Senate, which shall be delivered at the first general meeting of the Senate following the election.

F. Quorum of the Election Commission shall consist of the Election Chairman plus 2 members No ruling of the Election Commission is valid unless quorum is met.

G. Members of the Election Commission shall be expected to show no bias toward any candidate at any time nor shall they be permitted to campaign for any candidate at any time. Should any member of the Election Commission show bias towards any candidate a petition to remove the Commissioner shall be in order. The removal of an Election Commissioner must be conducted in a manner in accordance to the impeachment procedures of the Student Bylaws. If a Commissioner is removed, the President shall then appoint another Commissioner in accordance to this Code, the Student Government Rules and Procedures, and the Student Government Constitution.

H. The SGA Election Commission is an independent body answerable to the Sam Houston State University Student Senate, the Election Codes, and the Supreme Court.

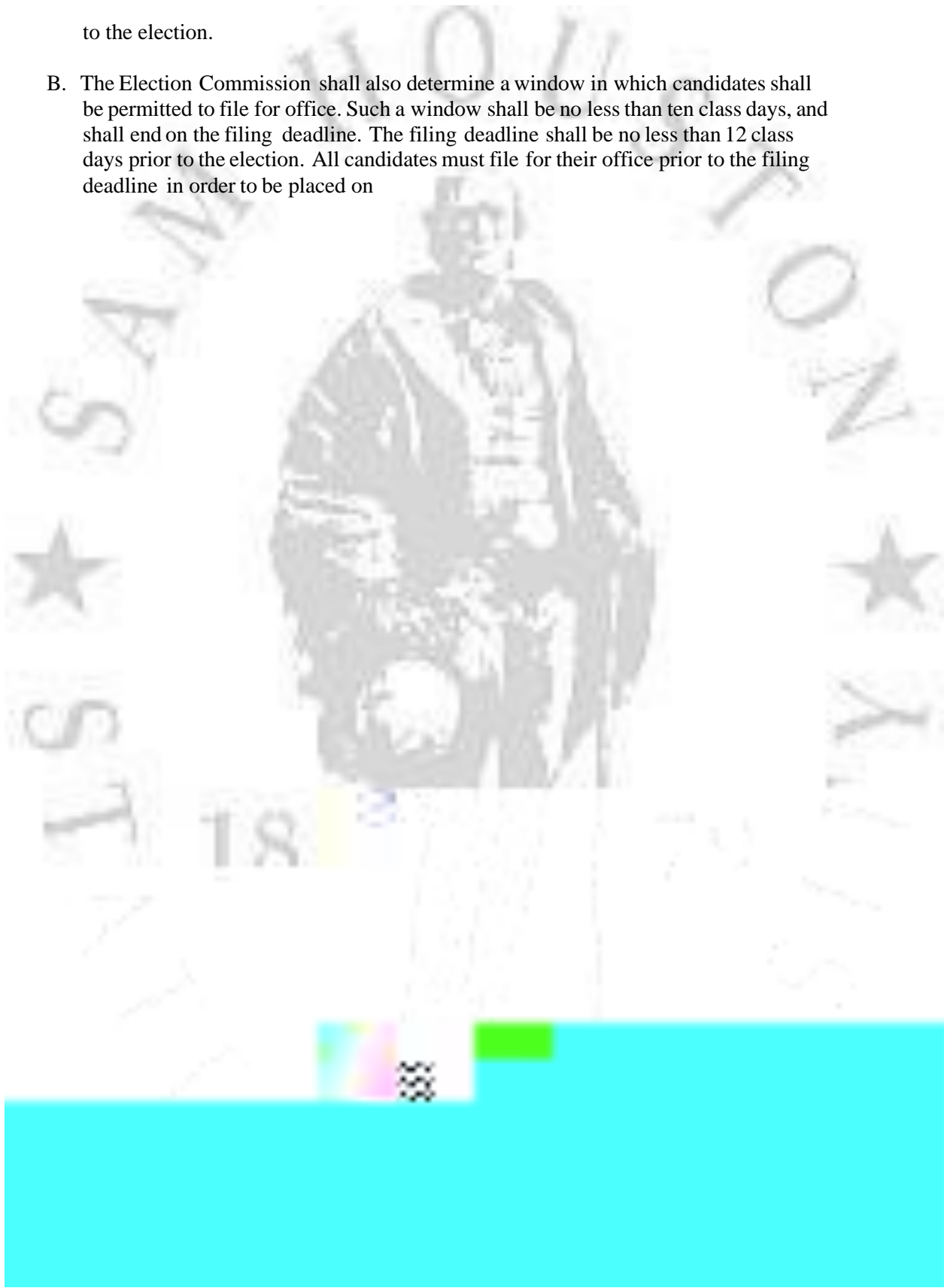
### **Article III. Elections**

A. The Student government Association shall sponsor elections of the student body.



to the election.

- B. The Election Commission shall also determine a window in which candidates shall be permitted to file for office. Such a window shall be no less than ten class days, and shall end on the filing deadline. The filing deadline shall be no less than 12 class days prior to the election. All candidates must file for their office prior to the filing deadline in order to be placed on



## Article VI. Required Candidate Meeting

- A. All candidates whose name shall appear on the ballot shall be required to attend one of two required candidate meetings, which shall be held no more than 2 class days after the filing deadline and shall be presided over by the Election Chairman. The two meetings must fall upon a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, and a Tuesday or Thursday.
  
- B. A candidate may miss the







Q. The following regulations will govern write in candidates:

1. Any member of the Sam Houston State University Student Body may run for any position as write-in candidate as long as they meet the requirements for that office.
2. Write-in candidates must file their candidacy on the Write-in Candidate Application with the Student Government Association Office.
3. Write-in candidate filing be open from the conclusion of the required candidate meeting until the polls close.
4. Write-in candidates are subject to the same campaign requirements as normal candidates, including adhering to all election campaign regulations and deadlines, and spending limits; write-in candidates shall not be required to attend a required candidate meeting or turn in the Student Government Financial Disclosure Report.
5. Votes for any candidate who receives write-in votes in the election but has not filed their candidacy on the Write

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## **Article X. Runoff Elections**

- A. If a runoff election is necessary, the Election Commission shall designate a date for the runoff to take place, no more than 5 class days from the date of the end of the original election.
- B. Campaigning for runoff elections shall last from the time the runoff is declared until 8:00am the morning of the election.
- C. All campaign regulations shall be in effect during campaigning for runoff elections.
- D. For a runoff election, candidates are allowed to utilize an additional \$100, in addition to any funds remaining from their first allotment, for their campaigns.

## **Article XI. Protests**

- A. In all general and runoff elections there shall be a protest period that shall begin as soon as campaigning begins and last until two class days after polls close.
- B. The results shall not be official until the end of this period.
- C. Any student or candidate wishing to protest the results must file a protest 0 1 100.7 549u(s)9(sa)-3(r)-3(y, )c0437

the Supreme Court Student Justices and the Attorney General. The Court must call a hearing with the petitioner and any candidate or candidates listed in the petition within seventy-two hours, starting on the



