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1                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                   **Resolution Regarding Election Bylaws**  
3                   **October 2, 2013**  
4                   **SB18-13/14**  
5                   **Authored by: Ryan Hazen, ASUM Senator**  
6                   **Sponsored by:**  
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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate is  
9       democratically elected by the student body;

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11       Whereas, ASUM oversees its own election process;

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13       Whereas, the ASUM Senate either confirms or overturns Election Committee  
14       punishments;

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16       Whereas, Senate candidates are required to turn in campaign finance paperwork;

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18       Whereas, past Senate candidates have neglected to turn in campaign finance paperwork;

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20       Whereas, punishments have been inconsistent over different Senates;

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22       Whereas, Article V, Section 4, Subsection I reads;

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24               I. Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team must document  
25               expenditures for the Elections Committee by filing an expenditure form, complete  
26               with receipts, by 3 p.m. two days prior to the first day of the general election.  
27               Expenditure forms must be filed even if there are no expenditures. Additional  
28               expenditures made after the form deadline must be documented and filed prior to  
29               the closure of voting. Candidate expenditures will be made public by Elections  
30               Committee prior to the first day of general election. Each candidate, write-in  
31               candidate, or candidate team is subject to disqualification, upon recommendation  
32               by the ASUM Elections Chair and confirmation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the  
33               Senate, if expenditures are filed late or if total expenditures exceed the  
34               aforementioned limits according to Article 5, Section 2.H of ASUM Bylaws.  
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36       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 4, Subsection I be amended to  
37       read:

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39               I. “Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team must document  
40               expenditures for the Elections Committee **by filing an expenditure form two**  
41               **days prior to the general election in order to be seated.** Expenditure forms  
42               must be filed even if there are no expenditures. ~~Additional expenditures made~~  
43               ~~after the form deadline must be documented and filed prior to the closure of~~  
44               ~~voting.~~ Candidate expenditures will be made public by Elections Committee as  
45               they become verified by the committee. ~~prior to the first day of general election.~~  
46               Each candidate, write-in candidate, or candidate team is subject to

47 disqualification, upon recommendation by the ASUM Elections Chair and  
48 confirmation by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, if expenditures are filed late  
49 or if total expenditures exceed the aforementioned limits according to Article 5,  
50 Section 2.H of ASUM Bylaws.

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54 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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57 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

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Jan Roddy,

62 Relations and Affairs Chair

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Mariah Williams,

Chair of the Senate