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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Election Bylaws**
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4 **Senate Bill Number: SB38-2011/2012**

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11 Whereas, the current Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) election rules
12 allow any entity to use its election process to assess student fees whether they are connected to
13 the University or a completely separate entity;

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15 Whereas, a non-University entity is defined as a group or organization which is not in any way
16 directly affiliated with The University of Montana or ASUM;

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18 Whereas, ASUM is the organization entrusted with representing the student voice;

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20 Whereas, ASUM can adjust its rules to ensure their duty of representing students is being most
21 effectively met;

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23 Whereas, ASUM has the ability to place meaningful restrictions upon the elections process, such
24 as spending limits, due dates, and neutral referendum language;

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26 Whereas, ASUM desires to control its own election process to make sure student fees are being
27 fairly and efficiently assessed;

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29 Whereas, the cost of attendance at The University of Montana can range in cost between
30 \$2,860.85 and \$10,744.25, not factoring in the cost of food or housing;

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32 Whereas, the stated goals of any non-University entity may not be supported by portions of the
33 student body;

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35 Whereas, an "opt-in" fee is one where the default option is non-payment of the fee.

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37 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Article V, Section 1, Subsection A be amended to include
38 Clause 5, which shall state:

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40 “A non-ASUM agency or non-recognized student group may utilize the ASUM election process
41 to institute only an opt-in fee.”

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43 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that Article V, Sect. 1, Subsection A be amended to
44 include Clause 6, which shall state:

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46 “The senate, in response to a university initiated fee, may utilize the ASUM elections process to
47 institute or implement a dedicated student fee.”
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Passed by Committee: _____, 2011

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Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011

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Chair of the Senate

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