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## **SB78-21/22-Resolution Amending Article V, Section 5 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Suspension of Candidacy Procedures**

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2       **Resolution Amending Article V, Section 5 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Suspension of**  
3                                   **Candidacy Procedures**

4                                   **February 2, 2022**  
5                                   **SB78-21/22**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) is bound by its  
9 governing documents;

10 Whereas, ASUM relies on the Bylaws in order to conduct fair and equitable elections;

11 Whereas, The current Bylaws regarding elections can be confusing for Members running in an  
12 election, are repetitive, and contain dilatory language;

13 Whereas, In an effort to ensure accessibility for Members running in elections, these Bylaws  
14 required immense restructuring, rewording, general clarification, and revision;

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16 Whereas, Article V, Section 5 currently outlines procedures for the suspension of Candidates;

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19 Whereas, Article V, Section 5 of the Bylaws currently states:  
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- 23       (1)     *Any candidate who violates any of these rules may be barred from*  
24             *candidacy and/or denied from taking office, as recommended by the*  
25             *Elections Committee, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of*  
26             *the Senate. This rule may not be suspended.*  
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  - 28       (2)     *Any Candidate seeking an office within ASUM, who is knowingly endorsed*  
29             *by an ASUM-recognized member organization or third party shall be*  
30             *suspended from the elections process.*  
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  - 32       (3)     *Any candidate or candidate team seeking an office within ASUM, who*  
33             *claims to be unknowingly endorsed by an ASUM-recognized member*  
34             *organization or third party shall be brought before the Elections*  
35             *Committee, who shall then recommend a course of action, which the*  
36             *Senate must approve with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.;*  
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38 Whereas, Article V, Section 5 does not fully acknowledge that Candidate Teams, in addition to  
39 Candidates, can violate election rules and receive sanctions as a result;

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41 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, Article V, Section 5 of the Bylaws be amended to read:


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- 43       (1)     *Any Ceandidate or Candidate Team who violates any of these rules may*  
44             *be barred from candidacy and/or denied from taking office, as*  
45             *recommended by the Elections Committee, and approved by a two-thirds*  
46             *(2/3) majority vote of the Senate. This rule may not be suspended.*  
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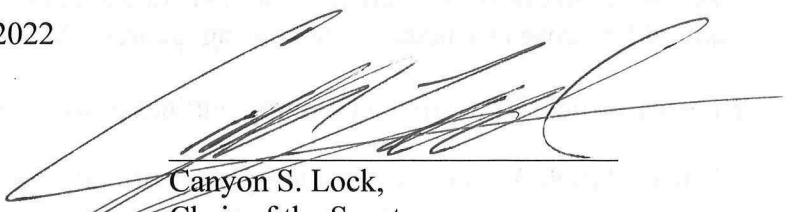
- 48 (2) *Any Ceandidate or Candidate Team, who is knowingly endorsed by an*  
49 *Mmember Organization or Tthird-party shall be suspended from the*  
50 *elections process.*  
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52 (3) *Any Ceandidate or Ceandidate Tteam, who claims to be unknowingly*  
53 *endorsed by an ASUM-recognized Mmember OOrganization or Tthird-*  
54 *party shall be brought before the Elections Committee, who shall then*  
55 *recommend a course of action, which the Senate must approve with a two-*  
56 *thirds (2/3) majority vote.;*  
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58 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Alex Berna, ASUM  
59 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

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62 Passed by Committee: February 6, 2022

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64 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 9, 2022

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69 Elizabeth Bowles,  
70 Chair of Relations and Affairs

  
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Canyon S. Lock,  
Chair of the Senate

71 Passed Unanimously.