

## **Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation**

| SenateBill 332-012                                      |             |                 |       |
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| Resolution 332-   |             |                 |       |
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| I, Terra Sloane, President of the Student Assembly of V | William & 1 | Mary do hereby: | -     |
| Approve   |             |                 |       |
| Veto  |             |                 |       |
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| The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:                |             |                 |       |
| The Fall Election Info &                                | ession      | n Refor         | m Act |
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## A Bill

To reform and address gaps in the code of Student Assembly regarding campaign and office vacancies

## The Fall Election Info Session Reform Act

An Act of the 332nd Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Hazel Vineet (25), Senator Matt Swenson (26), Class President Matthew Hwang (25)

WHEREAS, the Code and Constitution of the Student Assembly are the governing documents of the organization;

WHEREAS, it is mandatory for potential Senatorial candidates to attend an election information session prior to declaring their candidacy;

WHEREAS, the current Student Assembly Code timeline indicates that election information sessions need to occur 4-6 weeks prior to elections;

WHEREAS, the current Student Assembly Constitution mandates that Fall Elections take place on the 5th Thursday after the first day of classes;

WHEREAS, according to current Code, election information sessions would need to be held between August 15th- August 29th;

WHEREAS, most students are not on campus during that time period and it would therefore not be possible to hold information sessions at that time;

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

- 1. Amends Title 6, Section 4, Clause V of the Code of the Student Assembly to as read as:
  - a. Between 4 and 6 weeks before the Spring Election and at least 21 days before the Fall Election, the Elections Commission shall provide/host mandatory candidate information sessions. The Elections Commission shall determine the format for the information sessions.
    - i. A. If held in-person, at least 4 mandatory candidate information sessions shall be held, over no less than a one week period.
    - ii. B. If conducted asynchronously, participants will be required to complete a quiz at the end of the session to be marked as completed. If offered as an

asynchronous virtual session, the information sessions will be advertised and available for at least one week.

- 1. Potential candidates participating in the asynchronous virtual session will be required to complete a short quiz at the end of session to be marked as completed.
- 2. At minimum, one info session should be held as an asynchronous virtual session.
- iii. C. The availability of Candidate Info Sessions shall be announced no later than one week prior and successive communications shall be sent out
- iv. D. If offered as an asynchronous virtual session, the information session will be advertised and available for at least one week.