WHEREAS, the current by-laws preclude the use of state funds to promote any election,

WHEREAS, if a UNT department is deemed to be the Referendum Party, it is not possible for them to not use state funds, whether through the purchase of promotional materials or their time, to not use state funds.

WHEREAS, the current by-laws require the Election Board to meet to discuss any election complaint within 72 hours of receipt, regardless of university policy or national holiday.

WHEREAS, changing this by-law would only give the Election Board the leeway to extend the number of days they have to conduct a hearing in the event of a national holiday or university closure,

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the following changes be made to the UNT SGA Bylaws:

Article V, Section 4: Rules on Candidacy
   C. Each candidate must attend an Election Code meeting hosted by the Election Commissioner is required to meet with the Election Board Commissioner to receive election code information; attendance at all mandatory meetings this meeting is required for election eligibility.

Article V, Section 5, Subsection 1: General Campaign Rules
   B. Candidates and Referendum Parties may only begin publicizing their campaigns after the Election Code meetings have been held satisfied and on the date set forth on by the Election Calendar. Referendum parties may only begin publicizing their campaigns on the date set forth by the Election Calendar. If candidates or Referendum Parties are found publicizing their campaigns in any way before the above dates, it is grounds for disqualification.

   G. No University, State, or public funds may be used by Candidates or Referendum Parties. For candidate campaigns, this includes the utilization of employee work time. No Candidate or Referendum Party may solicit campaign assistance from an employee during the employee’s work hours. Referendum parties shall be limited to spending no more than $650 in state or student fee funds for campaign purposes.

Article V, Section 8, Subsection 2: Election Code Violations
   C. Upon receiving a complaint, the Election Board shall have 72 hours to conduct a hearing, unless otherwise stated by University Policy. Each involved party will be given a reasonable amount of time to state their case, during which period any Election Board Member may ask questions.
Respectfully Submitted,

Barrett Cole  
President

Emily Vasquez  
Election Commissioner

In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Speaker of the Senate  
Date 2/1/18

 Presidential Action:  
☑ Approved  
☑ Vetoed  

President of the Student Government Association  
Date 2/1/2018

Vice President of Student Affairs  
Date 2/1/2018