

Associated Students of Northern Arizona University

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Resolution for the Suspension of Attendance on General Federal Election Days

Whereas, The Statutes at Large of the 28th Congress, Section 2, Chapter 1, states that every General Election for Federal Office will occur on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November; In brevity, General Elections for Federal Office occur on a Tuesday in November in every even numbered year.

Whereas, Northern Arizona University holds classes on Tuesdays.

Whereas, A large number of students are employed and/or involved in extracurricular activities and, in conjunction with classes, may not have time on Election Day to vote.

Whereas, Voting is a right granted to all adults by the United States government, in coordination with Secretaries of State, which affords Northern Arizona University students the right to vote.²

Whereas, Consistently, there have been limited voting locations on the Northern Arizona University's Mountain Campus to service all students residing on-campus and in surrounding neighborhoods.

Whereas, Students may have to commute to another precinct within Arizona and/or may have to commute to another state to cast or return their ballot.

¹ https://www.loc.gov/law/help/statutes-at-large/28th-congress/session-2/c28s2ch1.pdf

² https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/amendment/amendment-xxvi



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Therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University:

That the Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University requests all faculty members accommodate students' right to vote on General Election Days for Federal Office.

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University implores faculty to not take attendance on Election Day to ensure students have the opportunity to vote in the method they choose.

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students of Northern Arizona University furthermore requests that faculty do not penalize students for any absence on General Election Days for Federal Office.

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students Northern Arizona University does not expect faculty members to make unreasonable accommodations leading up to or after Election Day (i.e., make-up sessions, homework extensions, and postponing exams).

Be It Further Resolved, The Senate of the Associated Students Northern Arizona University classifies this Senate Resolution (SR-3401) as a Continuing Resolution, no longer requiring annual reapproval; that only upon a two thirds vote shall support for this SR-3401 be overturned.

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