Application Form to Submit Legislation to the GSS Executive Committee

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Title of Legislation: An Act Consenting to the UOSA Election Polling Sites

Type of Legislation: Act of Legislation

Section 1: Status Quo

Currently, there are no official polling sites for the Fall General Election of 2010. UOSA Law mandates that an act of legislature establish the number and location of polling places. The number of poll operators, polling machines, and computers at each poll shall be established by the Election Chair with regard to the number of voters expected at each polling location.

Section 2: Intent of Legislation

The intent of this legislation is to confirm the physical polling sites at which students may vote.

Section 3: Anticipated Harms and Benefits of the new Legislation

This legislation would be beneficial because it is necessary to know the designated polling locations in order to continue planning the logistics of the election days. Furthermore, it is pertinent concerning the training and organizing of volunteer poll operators. The delay of said legislation could hinder the duties of the Election Chair and Board in preparing for the election, seeing as the election shall be held on Tuesday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 10th of 2010.

(The next page of this document is the legislation in question.)
CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 840601
SENATE BILL NO. GF10-50

AS INTRODUCED
An act establishing polling sites for the 2010 UOSA Fall General Election; suspending time requirement; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: The Legislative Branch hereby establishes the following physical polling sites – subject to approval by the appropriate University authorities:
- Dale Hall
- Oklahoma Memorial Union
- University Bus Stop in front of Price Hall on South Oval
- University Housing

Section 2: The Legislative Branch also establishes the official election website administered by Information Technology as a “polling site”.

Section 3: Physical polling sites shall be open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the days of the election. The voting system on the website will be activated at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 and it will remain running throughout the night and into the next day until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010.

Section 4: The Election Chair is also authorized to establish a procedure to accept provisional paper ballots in the UOSA Office if any students have difficulties casting their votes.

Section 5: Under the provisions of Title VII, Chapter 2, Section 10, the time requirement related to the establishment of polling locations is hereby suspended.

Section 6: This act shall be effective when passed and signed in accordance with the UOSA Constitution.

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