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Amending the Electoral Process for SGA President and Vice President

Short Title: A resolution that will amend Article IV, Section 2, Line b of the Constitution of the Student Government Association reducing the number of credit hours required to run for president from 75 to 60, while scheduling the election date for president and vice president on March 4-5, 2008.

- Whereas, candidacy is limited to senate or staff members who have completed or will be in the process of completing 75 hours, and
- Whereas, this amendment will increase the level of competition in the presidential and vice presidential elections enhancing democracy, and
- Whereas, an increasing number of SGA student leaders show interest in the position of president but do not meet the requirements of the constitution of the Student Government Association, and
- Whereas, the current requirement doesn't regulate by academic year (75 hours is a grey area between junior and senior classifications,) and
- Whereas, senior year for most students is a time for wrapping up undergraduate studies and internships while junior year for most students is prime for leading Student Government
- Whereas, an election any later than March 4-5, 2008 will not allow enough time for training of the SGA Staff and will conflict with the hiring of Student Activities Board Directors and Student Leadership Board Directors, and
- Whereas, the most complete solution to providing a voice for all of these problems would be the re-establishment of the Honors College Senator seat in the Student Government Association.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

Effective January 1, 2008, Article IV, Section 2, Line b of the Constitution of the Student Government Association will read, "Have completed 60 hours or be in the process of completing 60 hours within the semester in which he/she is elected," and elections will be scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 4-5,2008.

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Jerome Thomas, Vice-President

Morgan Pippin, President