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**A BILL TO RECORD THE AMOUNT OF CAMPAIGN DONATIONS ISSUED BY
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN SGA ELECTIONS**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled:

Section 1. The Senate finds the following:

- A. Currently, campaign contributions by student organizations are not recorded or tallied outside of inclusion in the financial disclosure form
- B. There are hundreds of student organizations on campus, varying in budget and membership
- C. The large variance in budgets between organizations could lead towards some student organizations having much more spending power in SGA elections
- D. It is common for democratic institutions to record and make publicly available all political or campaign contributions
- E. It is important to analyze and record data on which groups on campus are the most civically engaged, as is commonly done at the local, state, and federal levels
- F. Lack of data gathered on the subject has prevented the ability to see if there are any patterns or trends in campaign donations

G. It would be very simple and cost nothing to start recording the amount donated by different student organizations each year

Section 2. Legislation: **Changes in red**

Chapter 702 Campaign Procedures

Chapter 702.1 Candidates shall maintain records describing the amount and source of campaign funds and other contributions.

Chapter 702.2 Such records shall be filed with the Elections Board each week.

Chapter 702.3 Campaign spending shall not exceed limits set by the Elections Board.

Chapter 702.4 The Elections Board and SGA shall keep publicly accessible records of the funds donated to SGA campaigns by student organizations

Chapter 702.5 The SGA Office and all SGA functions not expressly intended as election campaigning activities shall be considered neutral ground, and campaigning is strictly forbidden.