



Constitutional Amendment C-1-23

The University of Alabama

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A CONSUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Section 1. Findings

The State of the School address is established to "take place on the 2nd Tuesday of November each year." This date falls on election day for many local, state, and national offices. With UA's large in-state population, this can create difficulties to leave campus to vote while also attending the State of the School event.

Furthermore, for those who want to watch the election results come in would either miss the State of the School Address or said elections results.

Therefore, the time has come to change the date of the State of the School Address to amplify opportunities for being a civilly engaged student and citizen. The updates are reflected in red.

Section 2. Constitution and Updates

Section 5: Executive Powers and Duties of the President. The President of the Student Government Association shall:

- A. Lead the SGA in achieving the objectives of this Constitution.
- B. Serve as chairperson of the Executive Council.
- C. Appoint the Chief of Staff within ten full class days of the beginning of his or her term of office.
- D. Notify the Senate, in writing, of any vacancies which may occur in the Executive Council or Executive Cabinet, within ten full class days of receiving notice of such vacancy. If the Senate by its adjournment prevents such notice, the notice shall be given at the first meeting of the Senate after its adjournment.
- E. Call special sessions of the Senate when deemed necessary.
- F. Reappoint any appointed officials of the executive branch who serve at the will of the President according to the provisions of Article IV, Section 4.
- G. Form new committees as needed and assign them to the appropriate executive branch officials.
- H. Serve as a member or an ex-officio member of all executive committees.
- I. Deliver the "State of the School Address" each semester.
 - 1. ~~The State of the School Address shall take place on the 2nd Tuesday of November each year.~~ **The State of the School Address shall take place in January of each year.**
- J. Possess a limited veto power.
 - 1. The SGA President shall exercise veto power as he or she sees fit over all Acts of Senate and Bills of Law passed by the Senate.
 - a. A veto of Acts of Senate and Bills of Law must be done within five full class days after the President's receipt of said legislation.
 - b. After five full class days following the President's initial receipt, all Acts of Senate and Bills of Laws will be considered passed with or without the President's signature unless vetoed.
 - 2. The SGA President shall not possess the right to exercise a line-item veto over all Acts of Senate and Bills of Law passed by the Senate.
 - 3. The SGA President shall not possess the right to exercise a veto or line-item veto on Resolutions passed by the Senate.
- K. Serve as chief liaison between the SGA and organizations internal and external to The University of Alabama.
- L. Serve as the student representative to The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees, or if unable to attend, ensure the Executive Vice President is able to attend.
- M. Schedule Executive Council meetings.
- N. Instruct the incoming SGA President on all matters pertaining to the office of President before leaving office.

Section 3. Ratification

This amendment will become law upon vote by 2/3rds vote of the SGA Senate and referendum of the student body.

Section 4. Legitimacy and Awareness

This amendment, if passed in the Senate by the appropriate margins, will be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the Spring SGA Elections on the SGA website for students to review.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this Act be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. Steven Hood, Vice-President for Student Life; Angel Narvaez-Lugo, The University of Alabama Student Government Advisor; Taryn Gieger, Speaker of the Senate; Caleb Thome, Chief Justice; Ansley Stamper, Chair of the SGA Elections Board; Dr. Kat Gillan, SGA Elections Board Advisor; *The Crimson White*; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.