

THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Bill Number: Senate Resolution #2018-23
Title: Bylaw Amendment for Judiciary Removal Process
Sponsored by: Senators-at-Large Alex Trimm, Isaac Da Silva, Danielle Carancho, and
Vice President Sofia Musman
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WHEREAS the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) is the single recognized voice for 37,000 students of the university; and

WHEREAS the ASI Judiciary serves as the Judicial branch of student government; and

WHEREAS changes to the Judiciary section of the AS Bylaws have not been updated since the establishment of said bylaws; and

WHEREAS that according to Chapter I, Article IV, Section 2 Composition of Judiciary, the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices are appointed by the President and approved by the Senate; and

WHEREAS as noted in Article IV, Section 7 of the AS Bylaws, "a justice of the Judiciary will be removed from office on impeachment for failure to execute the specified duties of office, or for other specified impudent actions.

The process of impeachment and removal will be as follows:

- a) A petition containing the specified charges against the Justice must be circulated among the students, and signed by a minimum of 5% of the entire student body.
- b) The signed petition containing the charges must be submitted to the Vice President. Within two weeks of receipt of the petition, the Vice President must hold a special meeting wherein the Senate will act as a court. The Vice President or Vice President Pro-Tempore will preside. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of the entire Senate finds the Justice guilty, the said Justice will be removed;¹ and

WHEREAS that the current removal procedure does not allow for the President and the Chief Justice to hold members of the Judiciary branch accountable to their responsibilities listed in Chapter I, Article IV, Section 6; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that an Associate Justice or Chief Justice will be removed from office on impeachment for failure to execute the specified duties of office, or for other specified impudent actions; and be it further

¹ <https://www.asicsulb.org/corporate/documents/discover/publication/2017-2018-as-bylaws.pdf>

RESOLVED that Chapter I, Article IV, Section 7 Judiciary Removal from Office be amended to read:

The process of impeachment and removal are as follows:

- a) A petition containing the specified charges against the Chief or Associate Justice must be circulated among the students, and signed by a minimum of 5% of the entire student body; or
- b) A petition containing the specified charges against the Chief or Associate Justice must be prepared by the President and placed before the Board of Control to render a decision on the charges brought forth.
- c) If by either method the charges are upheld, the motion to remove the Chief or Associate Justice must be submitted to the Vice President for placement on the agenda of the next regularly schedule Senate meeting wherein the Senate will act as a court. The Vice President or Senate Vice Chair will preside. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of the entire Senate finds the Justice guilty, the said Justice will be removed; and be it further

RESOLVED that a special election in which the student body will vote for this Bylaw Amendment to Chapter I be put in place by the 2018-19 Board of Directors; and be it finally

RESOLVED that an electronic copy of this resolution, upon its approval by the ASI President be distributed to CSULB President Jane Conoley, Vice President for Student Affairs Carmen Taylor, Dean of Students Piya Bose, all current and future ASI Officers, the Daily 49er, and 22 West Magazine.



Sofia Musman, Vice President &
Chair, Associated Students Board of Directors

Delivered to the President of the Associated Students on:



Joseph Nino, Associated Students President

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