



## **Executive Summary**

### **H.B. 1.9: A Bill for the Establishment and Function of the Elections Commission**

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H.B. 1.9 A Bill for the Establishment and Function of the Elections Commission is designed to institute an impartial third-party committee to host and run the election process for every elected position in the Student Government Association for the beginning of each new school year. The Commission will be comprised of two Criswell College staff members and one current Criswell College student that is not a sitting member of Government and vows by letter of confirmation no intent to run for an elected office or seek the nomination to any other position as offered by the President or any other sitting member of Government with authority to appoint; the Criswell student taking the role as the commissioner and the Criswell staff members will be taking the support staff roles. The Commission positions will be appointed by the sitting SGA President and approved by the House of Representatives. The elections commission will collaborate with the SGA communications director as well as the leaders of the three branches of Government to host and organize elections, count votes, announce and provide information on the voting results. Positions on the Elections Commission will be held for the duration of confirmation until the end of the election those parties are responsible for; with appointments beginning in the Spring and continuing until after election results have been announced and confirmed in the fall of the following academic year.



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# A Bill for the Establishment and Function of the Elections Commission

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**WHEREAS,** The establishment of a Student Government Association Elections Commission as a third party committee will assist in the organization and streamlining of the elections process for all elected government positions for the start of every new school year and new administration; and

**WHEREAS,** The Elections Commission will be tasked with organizing the voting process, counting votes, confirming the results and reporting them to the greater Criswell College community, working in collaboration with the Student Government Director of Communications as well as the leaders of the three branches of government; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Elections Commission shall be responsible for enforcing any and all campaign regulations as set forth legislatively by the House of Representatives and or executive orders of the President. If any candidate is found in violation of any campaign regulation the Commission shall be responsible for consequences that are outlined by campaign regulations or as this Bill specifies: the removal of a candidate from the ballot and immediate dismissal from the elections process. All three members of the election commission must agree upon the violation and in writing notify the guilty party.

**WHEREAS,** There will be one Commissioner position held by a current and non SGA member Criswell College student that must have no intention to hold any position in government or seek the nomination by any member of Government that holds the power to appoint within the year of election that said commissioner is responsible for; and,

**WHEREAS,** There will be two support staff positions held by current Criswell College staff members; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Elections Commission positions will be appointed by the sitting Student Government Association President and approved by the House of Representatives by a simple



majority vote in an executive session of the House of Representatives in the Spring semester prior to the fall election that the said commission would be responsible for; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon nomination and approval the elections commission members shall serve from the time of confirmation until the completion of the fall election that the commission would be responsible for. and therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** The Student Government supports the establishment of an impartial committee that will be charged with running a fair and unbiased elections process for the student body to voice those whom they would deem the best representatives to the college administration and beyond; and therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED,** The Student Government Association of Criswell College supports a Bill for the Establishment and Function of the Elections Commission; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The President will make the announcement for his appointments to the commissions and present them to the House of Representatives where they will be approved and confirmed in an executive session of the House of Representatives; and therefore,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Bill be sent to The Supreme Court of the Student Government Association, The Cabinet of the Student Government Association and to every member of the House of Representatives. and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That each branch of Government shall be responsible to write a briefing of responsibilities, roles, duties, projects, procedures that the said branch and positions within the branch were responsible for in the functioning of Government. These briefings shall be prepared at the end of the session of Government and be transferred by the outgoing President and Speaker of the House to the incoming administration to ensure a smooth transition of power.



# THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF CRISWELL COLLEGE

IN ITS FIRST SESSION  
BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF DALLAS TEXAS

A BILL  
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTION OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION

  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

  
President of the Student Government Association

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