



SGA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
of UW-STEVENS POINT

LEGISLATIVE COVER SHEET

Statute Calling for Election Information Emails from the Provost

Legislative Title

Legislative Affairs Committee

Sponsoring Committee

Summary:

This statute calls onto the provost to provide professors with an email 30 days before an election to send to students with voter information.

Bill Number:

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Date Presented:

3/24/2024

Date of Action:

4/15/2024

<p>Sponsoring Committee</p> <p>3 / 0 / 0</p> <p>Y / N / A</p> <p><i>Zach Young</i></p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>	<p>Rules Committee</p> <p>Y / N / A</p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>	<p>General Assembly</p> <p>Y / N / A</p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>
<p>Constitution Review Committee</p> <p><i>If the legislation is a bylaw amendment or constitutional amendment, it must pass through Constitution Review Committee</i></p> <p>— / — / —</p> <p>Y / N / A</p> <p>Chair's Signature</p>		

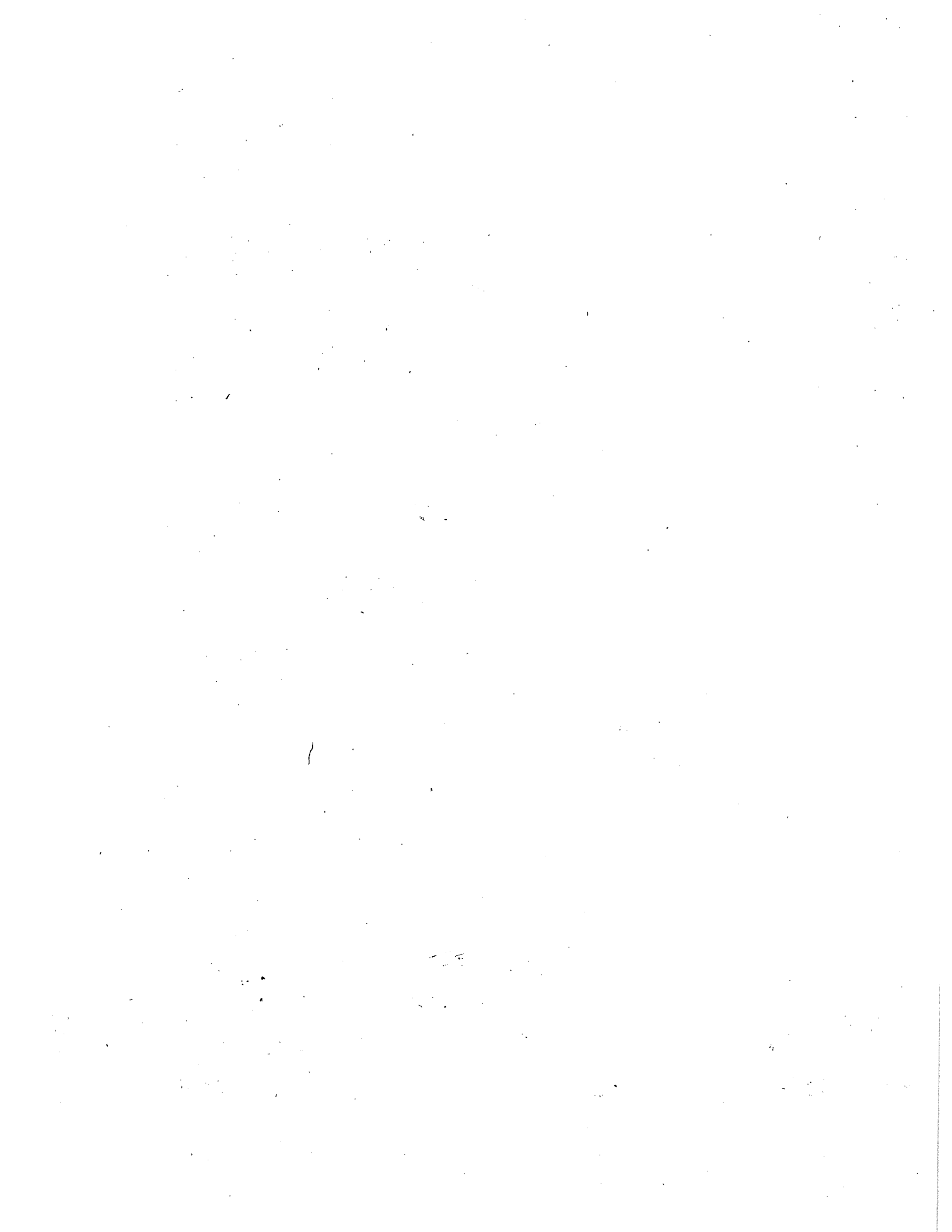
Presidential Signature | Date

If applicable, veto override: Y / N

APPROVED

VETOED
Attach Explanation

Speaker of the Senate signature, if applicable | Date



1 **Statue Calling for Election Information Emails from the Provost**

2 **Whereas**, In elections, adults between the ages of 18-29 are more likely to not vote than those
3 who do;

4 **Whereas**, Much of this demographic covers a significant portion of the student body at the
5 University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point;

6 **Whereas**, This can be seen by examining UWSP voting data (by age) from previous elections
7 collected by the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE);

8 **Whereas**, 2014 NSLVE Data:

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Enrolled:</u>	<u>Voted:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
18-21	5,889	1,785	30.3%
22-24	2,161	635	29.4%
25-29	604	193	32%
30-39	363	170	46.8%
40-49	175	110	62.9%
50+	121	88	72.7%

9 **Whereas**, 2016 NSLVE Data:

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Enrolled:</u>	<u>Voted:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
18-21	5,591	3,168	56.7%
22-24	1,865	1,023	54.9%
25-29	540	277	51.3%
30-39	356	205	57.6%
40-49	167	120	71.9%
50+	109	86	78.9%

10 **Whereas, 2018 NSLVE Data:**

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Enrolled:</u>	<u>Voted:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
18-21	5,010	2,115	42.2%
22-24	1,657	751	45.3%
25-29	465	224	48.2%
30-39	287	158	55.1%
40-49	124	93	75%
50+	54	39	72.2%

11 **Whereas, 2020 NSLVE Data:**

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Enrolled:</u>	<u>Voted:</u>	<u>Rate:</u>
18-21	5,290	3,218	61%
22-24	1,422	703	49%
25-29	540	277	55%
30-39	350	286	62%
40-49	154	125	81%
50+	70	60	86%

12 **Whereas,** A variety of factors can go into someone's decision to not vote, which are known as
13 voting barriers.

14 **Whereas,** This can include and is not limited to someone's economic situation, any inabilities,
15 work or school, voter apathy, and other such systemic problems an eligible voter might face;

16 **Whereas**, UWSP-specific barriers include and are not limited to the number of districts the
17 campus is separated into¹, lack of a voter-friendly student ID, a lack of easily accessible material
18 on both how to vote and who the candidates are, and lack of conversation surrounding the topic
19 of voting;

20 **Whereas**, Whatever the reason someone chooses not to vote, there is a chance to eliminate any
21 and all barriers faced;

22 **Whereas**, UWSP is no different;

23 Whereas, Various members of the UWSP community send emails to students about election
24 dates;

25 Whereas, However, no emails get sent out for important information surrounding elections
26 including online voter registration deadlines and smaller yet very important local elections;

27 **Therefore, it be Resolved**, The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Student Government
28 Association recognizes the importance of civic engagement for a college student and our
29 democratic institutions;

30 **Therefore, it be further Resolved**, The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Student
31 Government Association calls upon the Provost to send out an email to all active professors on
32 campus 30 days prior an any election happening in Stevens Point, encouraging professors to
33 share the email’s contents to their students to inform the students of elections and deadlines.

34 **Therefore, be it further resolved**, This email will serve as a template for professors to send to
35 their students, which includes resources for students to find their polling location and how to
36 become registered to vote. The potential content of this email shall read:

¹ “Voting Districts.” *Voting Districts | Stevens Point, WI - Official Website*, Stevens Point , stevenspoint.com/488/Districts-Alderpersons

37 As voting season approaches, I want to ensure that you have all the resources you need to
38 exercise your right to vote effectively on **[Insert Date of Election Here]**. Below, you'll find a
39 comprehensive guide to registering and voting within the State of Wisconsin:

40 1) **Register.** The first step to voting is to check your registration at myvote.wi.gov under the
41 “Register to Vote” tab. If you are registered, you may move on. If you are not you will need
42 to register with the options as follows:

43 a. Online: To register online you will need a valid, unexpired Wisconsin Driver's
44 License or Wisconsin State ID Card, then follow the steps provided on myvote.gov.
45 When you first register to vote, your address must match that on your State-issued ID.
46 If your address changes, provide proof of residence at your polling location. Proper
47 forms of proof of residence can be found at myvote.wi.gov.

48 b. Mail: At least 20 days prior to the election, you may send proof of residence and the
49 completed voter registration form to your municipal clerk.

50 c. In-person: You may register in-person at your municipal clerk’s office up until the
51 Friday before the election at 5:00 p.m. or at closing time, whichever is later. Once
52 again, you must bring a valid ID and proof of residence. In-person registration is also
53 available on the day of the election at your polling location.

54 2) **Make a plan to vote.** Check your polling location at myvote.wi.gov. Polls legally are open
55 from 7 am - 8 pm OR vote early up to two weeks before the election. All that information can
56 be found at myvote.gov. Also, note that your professors and employers are legally obligated
57 to let you out of class or work to vote if you have no other time to go.

58 3) **Acquiring your documents.** You need to bring a photo ID and proof of residence to the
59 polls with you. If you're not from WI or don't have a valid photo ID, you can get a FREE
60 photo voter ID from the PointCard Office at 601 Division.

61 4) **Know What's on the Ballot.** Myvote.wi.gov will provide a sample ballot with everything
62 that will be on your real ballot. Additional research is needed to find out what each candidate
63 is running on.

64 5) **Go Vote.** Now that you know everything there is to know, you just have to go!

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66 **Therefore, it be finally Resolved,** That upon passage of this resolution, it shall be sent to
67 Chancellor Gibson, Vice Chancellor Thompson, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Gandhi,
68 Chief of Staff Manske, Provost Cornell-Swanson, Dean of Student Seppelt, Dean Sloss, Dean
69 Cisler, Dean Hagen, Dean Summers, Dean Stock, UW System President Jay Rothman, SGA
70 President Benjamin Koenig, SGA Vice President Ashley Authement, Speaker of the Senate
71 Matthew Rogers, Executive Director Amber Cronce, Head Justice Mason Garrigan, SGA
72 Advisor Julie Zsido

73 **SGA Sponsoring Committee:** *Legislative Affairs Committee*

74 **Authored by:** Communications and Public Relations Director Young

75 **Sponsor(s):** Caucus Chair Kalli Mikkonen

76 **Date:**

