

**Fall 2023 First-Year Elections**  
**Election Supervisory Board Advisory Opinion 2023-001**  
**(Issued: August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**

Subject: Filing Deadline and Penalty

The Election Supervisory Board (ESB) is issuing an advisory opinion regarding the end of the Fall 2023 First Year Election's filing period.

The ESB is authorized to oversee and decide on cases for first-year elections. Student Government Constitution Sec. 6.7 states:

“The Election Supervisory Board shall oversee the annual fall first year student elections of the first-year representatives.”

With regards to the filing deadline for First-Year Elections, Sec. 6.4 of the Student Government Constitution states:

“Filing shall begin the day before the first full day of classes of the fall semester and last for three (3) full weeks.”

ESB interprets “the day before the first full day of classes” to mean the first business day before classes begin. That means that this year, **filing will begin at 9 AM CST on August 18<sup>th</sup>** and **end on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM CST**. Anyone who wishes to become a candidate for First Year Representative **must complete** the filing process by that time.

For example: John Smith starts the online form to file for the First Year Elections two minutes before the deadline (8:58) and finishes the filing process three minutes later (9:01). John Smith was one minute late to complete filing and is ineligible from running in the Fall 2023 First Year Elections.

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