Senate Bill: 2012-13-13
Date: April 5, 2013
Author: Sarah Garcia, Senator for College of Education
Referred To: External Committee, April 17, 2013
Committee Action: (Passed 3-0-0)
Senate Action: Approved on 04-26-14 (votes: 12-0-0)
Subject: Supporting California Senate Bill 267

1. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. (A.S.) at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is the recognized voice for over 34,000 students within the university; and

2. WHEREAS: California Senate Bill 267 requires the establishment of a polling location on all California Community Colleges, California State Universities and Universities of California; and

3. WHEREAS: This Senate Bill, if passed, would ‘impose a state-mandate local program’ (1) and therefore the campuses will be reimbursed for certain costs that this program may require; and

4. WHEREAS: The Associated Students, Inc. of California believes that students should have a feasible means of depositing their ballot or voting in the voting booths; and

5. WHEREAS: College students have the lowest voter turn-out rate. Reasons for this may vary and can depend on the ability to vote because of location of registration (2); and

6. WHEREAS: A location on campus may increase the turn-out rate of the average college student; therefore let it be

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1. RESOLVED: The Associated Students, Inc. supports the passage of SB 267, so that students will be able to vote in a convenient manner; let it be further

2. RESOLVED: That the Associated Students, Inc. encourages the Board of the University Student Union (USU) to be an example to other educational institutions and establish a polling location in a room in the USU; let it be further

3. RESOLVED: That in order to ensure the passage of SB 267, the Associated Students, Inc. would like to oppose SB 240, a similar bill regarding polling location with an additional requirement of 150,000 residents surrounding the campus; and let it be finally

4. RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution will be distributed to all that seek it. Copies will be sent, but not limited, to:

- Dr. Dianne Harrison, CSUN President
- Dr. William Watkins, CSUN Vice President of Student Affairs
- Debra Hammond, Director of the University Student Union
- Francesca Vega, CSUN Director of Government and Community Relations
- Katie Godfrey, Operations Manager of the University Student Union
- California State Student Association
- California Voter Registrar Office
- Senator Pavley, author of SB 267
- Jerry Brown, Governor of California
- All members of the Education Senate
- The Daily Sundial
- The Daily News

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