

1 ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ASU  
2 GPSA ASSEMBLY  
3 TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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5 ASSEMBLY BILL #28

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12 AB #28: AN ACT to update the Supreme Court Rules and Procedures  
13 and corresponding language in the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws  
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16 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,

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18 WHEREAS the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws reflect GPSA's fundamental governing principles,  
19 policies, and organization;

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21 WHEREAS the GPSA Supreme Court exists to settle controversies arising under the GPSA Constitution  
22 and Bylaws between GPSA organizations, departments, committees or any other entity or agency created  
23 by the GPSA;

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25 WHEREAS the current GPSA Supreme Court Rules and Procedures is a legacy document from the  
26 ASASU;

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28 WHEREAS the current GPSA Constitution and Bylaws refer to that language;

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30 WHEREAS it is beneficial to the GPSA Assembly and graduate student body to have a decided and  
31 intentional Supreme Court and Rules and Procedures;

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33 WHEREAS it is beneficial to the GPSA Assembly and graduate student body to have an updated and  
34 accurate GPSA Constitution and Bylaws;

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36 NOTING THAT this bill, if passed, will require the GPSA President, Assembly President, and  
37 Government Operations Committee to identify and appoint a total of five (5) Supreme Court Justices;

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39 THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED that:

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41 1) The attached document:  
42 "Rules and Procedures of the Judiciary Committee of the Graduate and Professional Student  
43 Association of Arizona State University"  
44 be replaced with the attached document:  
45 "Graduate and Professional Student Association Supreme Court Rules and Procedures"  
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47 2) GPSA Constitution, Title IV Judiciary, be renamed, Title IV The Supreme Court, and all contents  
48 be replaced as written in the attached document, "GPSA Constitution - Title IV – The Supreme  
49 Court"  
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- 51 3) GPSA Bylaws, Title III Elections, Article 1, paragraph G, section d, be amended to replace  
52 “ASASU Supreme Court” with “GPSA Supreme Court”  
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- 54 4) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 1 Spring Special Session, paragraph A, be  
55 amended to insert a new section b,  
56 “In all cases under Section A of this article, newly appointed Assembly Members shall begin their  
57 terms of office immediately.”  
58 And to amend the previous section b to section c and so forth.  
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- 60 5) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 1 Spring Special Session, paragraph A,  
61 amended section c, be amended in part from the “ASASU Constitution” to “GPSA Constitution”.  
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- 63 6) GPSA Bylaws, Title VI General Provisions, Article 7 GPSA Judiciary Committee, be completely  
64 replaced as follows:  
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66 Article 7. **GPSA Supreme Court**

- 67 A. All GPSA members in good academic standing, as defined by the University, are eligible  
68 to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court.
- 69 B. No current GPSA assembly member may serve as a Supreme Court Justice.
- 70 C. No current GPSA executive or director may serve as a Supreme Court Justice.
- 71 D. Supreme Court Operations
- 72 a. Rules and Procedures
- 73 i. The Supreme Court shall operate and abide by the GPSA Supreme Court  
74 Rules and Procedures.
- 75 ii. The Supreme Court may propose amendments to the Rules and  
76 Procedures; such amendments will only take effect by majority vote of the  
77 Assembly.
- 78 b. Quorum
- 79 i. Quorum for the Supreme Court shall be defined as three (3) sitting justices.  
80 ii. Quorum shall be required to hear cases and to issue opinions.
- 81 c. Duties of Clerk of the Supreme Court
- 82 i. The Clerk shall organize and maintain all court files for the Supreme  
83 Court.
- 84 ii. The Clerk shall place all opinions in a permanent file of the GPSA  
85 records, and publicly post all opinions on the GPSA website.
- 86 iii. The Clerk may be removed following a majority vote of the Supreme  
87 Court, subject to the approval of the Government Operations Committee.  
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