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## A BILL

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## BILL SUMMARY

The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place the questions in Section 2 and 3 of this bill on the spring 1992 ballot.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Union, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Legislative Council hereby directs the Election Commissioner to place the questions in Section 2 and 3 on the Spring 1992 ballot.

SECTION 2: In order to insure a balance of power between the Council of colleges and schools and the Representative Council, the following provision currently exists in the UCSU Constitution as Article III.B.1:
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Do you approve of this change to Article III.B. 1 of the UCSU Constitution to insure the balance of power?

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> SECTION 6: This bill takes effect upon passage.

11/7/91 - Referred to Rules Committee 11/14/91 - Passes - 2nd Reading - Legislative Council - Acclamation 1/23/92 - Brought for reconsideration then tabled 1/30/92 - Removed from table - Amended - Passed Legislative Council- Acclamation
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SECTION 3: The School of Pharmacy's departure from the Boulder Campus creates the necessity for changes in the composition of the Council of Colleges and Schools. Currently Article III.C. 2 referring to the Council of Colleges and Schools reads as follows: Design." and Schools: Music." Schools? the UCSU Constitution.

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 President Pro Tempore UCSU Legislative Council
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Should either or both of these questions pass with a majority vote AND at least two thousand favorable votes, the remaining sections and/or articles of the UCSU Constitution will be appropriately renumbered.

SECTION 5: Adequate publicity shall be provided by the Election Commission in conjunction with the Election Committee pursuant to Article XVII.C of

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