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50 Legislative Council Bill #20

University of Colorado Student Union

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A BILL

BILL HISTORY

In the past semester UCSU Legislative Council has passed three referenda to be placed on the UCSU election ballot for Spring 1999. The questions alone on the ballot do not inform the voters what they are voting on because of the technical wording concerning the Constitution.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill creates an unbiased summary of what the referenda would do. This summary or explanation would be placed on the web like candidate biographies are currently.

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

SECTION 1: The Question reads, “Do you approve replacing Section 6 of Article XIII. C, with the following: ‘6. To pass in popular vote, the referendum must be approved by a majority of the voters and have at least fifteen percent of the students eligible to vote at the time of the election voting on the referendum.’?”

The summary explanation would read: “Currently for a referendum to pass at least 15% of the student body must vote and vote in favor of the referendum. This Constitutional change makes it so that at least 15% of the student body still must vote, but only a majority needs to vote in favor of the referendum for it to pass.”

SECTION 2: The question reads, “Do you approve changing the UCSU Constitution, Article XIII, D to remove 25% and replace with 15% in favor of and to add, “The Legislative Council may not overrule in favor of a referendum voted on in this manner.”

The summary explanation would read: “Currently for a referendum to pass that represents more than 1% of the student fee package or for a referendum to run longer than four years, 25% of the student body must vote in favor of the referendum. This Constitutional change makes it so 15% of the student body must vote in favor of the referendum. This Constitutional change also makes it unconstitutional for the Legislative Council to implement the referenda if the student body votes it down.

Changes the percentage of voting in favor from 25% to 15%.”

SECTION 3: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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Passed Special Order

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