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A Bill

Bill History

Each fall and spring semester, the University of Colorado Student Union conducts elections for offices and referenda. These elections are governed by the UCSU election code. In nearly each election, sets of ad hoc adjustments are made to the election code. Over the years, this process has led to differing sections of the code having conflicting information. In addition, in the spring 2000 election, a new factor was introduced into the elections, multiple slates of candidates endorsed *en bloc*. These factors combined to place a burden on the UCSU Appellate Court, as it struggled to overcome the inconsistencies within the code and tensions surrounding this new type of campaign. A comprehensive review and revision of the election code was clearly needed if UCSU elections were going to continue to showcase our ability to manage our affairs. This bill presents that comprehensive revision.

Bill Summary

This bill moves some oversight duties from the commissioner to the commission; clarifies the appellate process and jurisdiction of the code; guarantees slates opportunities to campaign together; and clarifies tracking of shared expenses by same; removes all detected inconsistencies in the code; incorporates all changes to the code to comply with UCSU Appellate Court decisions; updates and improves language for governance of local school elections covered by the code; revises some deadlines, and contains reformatting for internal document consistency.

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

Section 1:   The election code as it now stands is burdened with inconsistencies.

Section 2:   These inconsistencies place an undue burden on the Appellate Court to resolve election issues.

Section3:   Due to the large number of conflicts and inconsistencies, a comprehensive revision of the election code was necessary, resulting in the attached total rewrite of the code.

Section 4:   This revised code shall be adopted in its entirety and replace the existing election code.

Section 5:   This bill becomes effective upon passage.

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