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54 Legislative Council Bill #14

University of Colorado  
Student Union

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A Bill: Special Order

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During the fall of 1998 election a question was placed on the ballot to amend the constitution to require 15% of the student body to vote in favor of a referenda question for the referendum to pass. This amendment to the constitution makes it much more difficult for students to pass new student fees to fund their specific groups. This was also supposed to help ensure that only those student groups who are deserving of general student fees receive them. Unfortunately, as history has shown, it is very difficult to get 15% of the student population to vote, much less 15% to vote favor of a particular referendum. In order to preserve students groups rights to run referendum and make it less difficult to pass referendum, the 15% favor must be changed to 10%.

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Bill Summary

This bill places a constitutional amendment on the Spring 2001 UCSU election ballot that will, if passed by 15% students voting in favor, amend the UCSU constitution to require that 10% of the student body must vote in favor in order to have a referendum passed.

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

Section 1: The following constitutional amendment question to be placed on the Spring 2001 election ballot:

“Do you approve replacing Article XIV,C, Section 6, which says: (To pass in popular vote, the referendum must be approved by a majority of voters and have at least fifteen percent of the students eligible to vote at eh time of the election voting in favor of the referendum.) with the following:

6. To pass in popular vote, the referendum must be approved by a majority of voters and have at least ten percent (10%) of the students eligible to vote at the time of the election, voting in favor of the referendum.

Section 2: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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