

**University of Colorado Student Government**

**Legislative Council**

**March 6, 2014 80 LCB 12—Election Referenda Transparency**

**A Bill to Amend the Election Code**

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**Bill History**

During the Spring 2013 semester, it was revealed that CUSG has no process by which to verify that student-initiated referenda comply with state, federal, and Regent law. These laws are outside the purview of CUSG and ultimately must be followed. The goal of this amendment is to provide a transparent process that all students understand and that can be followed in a consistent manner.

**THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the University of Colorado Student Government that:**

**Section 1:** Append a new Election Code section 504(e), which states: “The Election Commissioner shall consult with University Legal Counsel and the CUSG Appellate Court on all student petition-initiated referenda. If the University Legal Counsel or other consulting attorney determines that a student petition-initiated referendum violates the United States Constitution or federal, state, or Regent law, the Election Commissioner shall reject the referendum.

**Section 2:** This bill shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon either obtaining the signatures of two Tri-Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Tri-Executives.

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**Vote Count**

**03/06/2014 Amended to strike CUSG Executives and Legislative Council Acclamation**

**03/06/2014 Amended to add CUSG Appellate Court Acclamation**

**03/06/2014 Amended to add Election Commissioner to reject referenda Acclamation**

**in violation of federal, state or Regent law**

**03/06/2014 Amended to clarify that attorney would be responsible for Acclamation**

**determining questions of legality**

**03/06/2014 Amended to strike “any” and substitute “all” Acclamation**

**03/06/2014 Move to pass on special order 17-0-1**

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