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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.

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 in violation of federal, state or Regent law	Acclamation
03/06/2014	Amended to clarify that attorney would be responsible for determining questions of legality	Acclamation
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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