




THE IMPERATIVE OF A REFERENDUM

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Given the current federal government's calls to overhaul the electoral system in Canada, the issue of whether or not these electoral changes should be put to a referendum has been a topic of lively debate over the past few months. More specifically, is changing the electoral system without a referendum unconstitutional?

"The Imperative of a Referendum" examines the precedents set by Canada and other Westminster parliamentary systems and their use of referendums and plebiscites to effect electoral reform and argues that without approval via a referendum, changes to the electoral system may be unconstitutional. 

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