

Senate Bill 825

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Enacts Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

Refers Act to people for their approval or rejection at special election held throughout this state on same date as next primary election.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; and
3 providing that this Act shall be referred to the people for their approval or rejection.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popu-**
6 **lar Vote is hereby enacted into law and entered into on behalf of this state with all other**
7 **states legally joining in the compact in a form substantially as follows:**

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

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14 **Any State of the United States and the District of Columbia may become a member of**
15 **this agreement by enacting this agreement.**

ARTICLE II RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE IN MEMBER STATES TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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21 **Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for President and Vice**
22 **President of the United States.**

ARTICLE III MANNER OF APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN MEMBER STATES

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28 **Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the**
29 **chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each**
30 **presidential slate in each State of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
2 produce a “national popular vote total” for each presidential slate.

3 The chief election official of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with
4 the largest national popular vote total as the “national popular vote winner.”

5 The presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the ap-
6 pointment in that official’s own state of the elector slate nominated in that state in associ-
7 ation with the national popular vote winner.

8 At least six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presi-
9 dential electors, each member state shall make a final determination of the number of pop-
10 ular votes cast in the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official
11 statement of such determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other
12 member state.

13 The chief election official of each member state shall treat as conclusive an official
14 statement containing the number of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made
15 by the day established by federal law for making a state’s final determination conclusive as
16 to the counting of electoral votes by Congress.

17 In event of a tie for the national popular vote winner, the presidential elector certifying
18 official of each member state shall certify the appointment of the elector slate nominated in
19 association with the presidential slate receiving the largest number of popular votes within
20 that official’s own state.

21 If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors nominated in a member state in
22 association with the national popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state’s
23 number of electoral votes, the presidential candidate on the presidential slate that has been
24 designated as the national popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presi-
25 dential electors for that state and that state’s presidential elector certifying official shall
26 certify the appointment of such nominees.

27 The chief election official of each member state shall immediately release to the public
28 all vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained.

29 This Article shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state
30 in any year in which this agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing
31 a majority of the electoral votes.

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33 **ARTICLE IV**
34 **OTHER PROVISIONS**
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36 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the
37 electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the
38 enactments by such states have taken effect in each state.

39 Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except that a withdrawal occur-
40 ring six months or less before the end of a President’s term shall not become effective until
41 a President or Vice President shall have been qualified to serve the next term.

42 The chief executive of each member state shall promptly notify the chief executive of all
43 other states of when this agreement has been enacted and has taken effect in that official’s
44 state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement, and when this agreement takes
45 effect generally.

