

Dear Senate Rules Committee Chair and members,

In the 2017 Legislative session, the National Popular Vote bill was known as HB2927, I gleaned a number of comments from the testimony of others that summarizes my reasons for OPPOSING SB1512.

Current Problem: Our votes are not respected by candidates in Presidential elections due to the winner take all allocation of Oregon's seven electors.

Gleaned observations from those supporting the National Popular Vote.

1. We as Oregonians deserve to have our votes count. *Exhibit 100, HB2927 2017 session*
2. It is important for the integrity of our democracy that the actual will of the people be reflected in the outcome of presidential elections. *Exhibit 101, HB2927 2017 session*
3. Oregonians support the basic democratic principle of one person, one vote. *Exhibit 103, HB2927 2017 session*
4. In the current conditions, where most states award all of their electoral votes to the winner of the election in that state, the campaigns have no incentive to appeal to voters in states where they feel they have a safe win, or no possibility of a win. In addition, the voters that happen to support the losing candidate(s) in each state end up with no voice in the result. *Exhibit 107, HB2927 2017 session*
5. State level winner-take-all rules for choosing Electoral College electors has made it possible for candidates who lose the national popular vote to nonetheless become president. This is because the winner-take-all system disenfranchises millions of Americans who do not vote in accord with the majority in their state. *Exhibit 10, HB2927 2017 session*

PROTECT the significance of the votes of ALL Oregonians.

1. As Oregonians, all our votes count. It is no less than we deserve.
2. Election integrity is paramount. Manipulation of our will must not be permitted.
3. Oregonians have a viewpoint on critical issues that would be diluted, misunderstood and ignored by the uninformed majority of voters in other states.
4. Candidates must have an incentive to EARN our votes. Oregon would be permanently ignored with NPV.

Oregon has options. The Electoral Vote allocation method could be revised to reflect Oregon values by granting 2 electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote in the state and each elector representing each of our Congressional Districts to be awarded by the popular vote in that district. The system would automatically accommodate any changes in the number of CD Representatives in Oregon's future.

***The will of the voter must allocated reflect OUR Oregon wishes.
Oregon's Electoral votes must not be surrendered to the majorities in other states.***

***Oregon would become a smaller fish in a larger pond.
Guaranteed to be ignored in every Presidential election.
Voter turn out would be suppressed, voter apathy would be encouraged by a poor legislative bill.***

I STRONGLY IMPLORE you to vote NO on SB1512.

Thank you for your consideration on this bill and your valuable time.

Respectfully,
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