

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Oregon Legislature, Senate Rules Committee,

We have just learned that a bill in Oregon, SB1512, is being considered as an attempt to fundamentally change our Presidential election process, and defy the U.S. Constitution's 12th Amendment. Electing the President by a National Popular Vote (NPV) is a decision not to be taken lightly.

Our Founding Fathers were clear in their intent. The Constitution codifies the intent that the States choose the President. It codifies the fact that the United States of America is a Republic, not a "mob rule" democracy.

This principle ensures that each State has a defined voice that can't be taken away. It ensures that a candidate must impress upon the State that he or she will represent that State's interests in order to gain its electoral votes. Changing our electoral system to a Popular Vote would in fact, ensure, that the voters of Oregon and other less populated States, the majority of the country, will never have a voice again. If the electoral votes of Oregon are determined by what voters Nationwide, and in particular large urban centers like Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, New York City, etc., desire, then candidates will no longer bother to address the needs of Oregon's voters.

Even supporters of a National Popular Vote must understand that the National Popular Vote Compact is dangerous, and is Unconstitutional. Changing the way we elect the President should not be a decision made by a minority of States all with a similar political leaning. This is in fact exactly what the NPVC does.

We ask you to vote NO on the NPV because it is an attack on the Constitution that will forever change our representative form of government in a way that will permanently diminish or even eliminate Oregon's voice in the Presidential election.

We leave you with this thought,

Every President, Democrat or Republican, for 241 years, has been elected by the Electoral College process of the U.S. Constitution. And, until 1824, the popular vote was not tabulated.

Thank you for your consideration

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