

Dear Rules Committee Members,

I support National Popular Vote legislation, but oppose SB 1512. The US Constitution clearly gives the State Legislatures the responsibility to determine how their electoral votes are cast (Article II, Section 1).

A vote by the people would be of questionable legal status and would certainly be challenged by people who prefer the current system, where 12 swing states determine who becomes President. Under the current system, Presidential candidates focus their attention on those 12 states. The current system makes Presidential elections much more vulnerable to breaches in election integrity, including voter suppression.

A referral to the voters would certainly attract big out of state money. It would be an expensive, resource-draining campaign. And to what end? Dubious legal standing if it passes, guaranteed to lead to an expensive, extended legal battle for years to test its legality in the courts.

We deserve a system where everyone's vote counts equally. We deserve to have a President who receives the most votes, like every other election in this country.

The way that electoral votes are cast has changed many times since it was written into the Constitution. Please do your job and pass NPV in the Legislature - not through this untested, unjustifiable bill. SB 1512 is a bad bill. Please do not pass it out of the Rules Committee.

Sincerely,
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