

House Bill 2704

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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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

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

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

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

ARTICLE III MANNER OF APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN MEMBER STATES

Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each presidential slate in each State of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential slate.

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.

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ARTICLE V
DEFINITIONS

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6 For purposes of this agreement,

7 “Chief executive” shall mean the Governor of a State of the United States or the Mayor
8 of the District of Columbia;

9 “Elector slate” shall mean a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for
10 the position of presidential elector in association with a presidential slate;

11 “Chief election official” shall mean the state official or body that is authorized to certify
12 the total number of popular votes for each presidential slate;

13 “Presidential elector” shall mean an elector for President and Vice President of the
14 United States;

15 “Presidential elector certifying official” shall mean the state official or body that is au-
16 thorized to certify the appointment of the state’s presidential electors;

17 “Presidential slate” shall mean a slate of two persons, the first of whom has been nomi-
18 nated as a candidate for President of the United States and the second of whom has been
19 nominated as a candidate for Vice President of the United States, or any legal successors to
20 such persons, regardless of whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter
21 in a particular state;

22 “State” shall mean a State of the United States and the District of Columbia; and

23 “Statewide popular election” shall mean a general election in which votes are cast for
24 presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a statewide basis.

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