

Dear Senate Rules Committee:

I understand that SB 870 related to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is being considered. I ask you to vote NO on SB 870 and to not support the NPVIC. It is an attack on the Constitution that will forever change our representative form of government. The NPV system completely negates the claim that "every vote counts". Those who are pushing it know fully the kind of damage it will do to not only to smaller states but the country as a whole. Our country would be in crisis. If successful, small state's will find their voices diminished or even extinguished in Presidential elections. In order to win the popular vote, candidates will focus on populous regions. This should make it painfully obvious how insignificant small or swing states will become, especially when a candidate can get more bang for their buck by campaigning in and crafting their messaging for states with the most voters. Candidates will no longer feel the need to address the issues of smaller states. An effective republic demands that the citizens of smaller states are not brushed aside. The Electoral College plays a significant role in preventing tyranny by the majority. Our Founding Fathers crafted a representational republican form of government, rather than a direct democracy for good reason and they were clear in their intent. Even supporters of a National Popular Vote must understand that the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is dangerous. Fundamentally changing the method in which we elect the President should not be a decision taken lightly or be made by a minority of States all with a similar political leaning. This is in fact exactly what the NPVIC does. If voters in the majority of states are disenfranchised by this Compact a constitutional crisis will be inevitable. Many would not feel the need to even vote! You can prevent this by forcing the supporters of the national popular vote to take the appropriate measure of a constitutional amendment, so that all Americans can weigh in on the issue and have their voice heard. For these reasons I urge you to cast a vote AGAINST the NPVIC.

Thank you for your consideration
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