

The current popularity of an idea that is intended to subvert and amend the Constitution without properly amending the Constitution, demonstrates the wisdom of our founding fathers in creating a Constitutional Republic and not a pure democracy, as those in power and our media try to convince everyone that democracy is our system of government. They also wisely created hurdles that make it difficult, but not impossible, to amend our Constitution.

The Electoral College works against a united regional minority, such as the antebellum South, that seeks to impose its will on the majority regions of the country simply by virtue of superior unity. It also works to prevent large urban areas unifying and imposing its will upon the remaining and still large rural areas of our country.

A change as drastic as switching to a popular vote deserved to be enshrined in an amendment to the Constitution. If it truly has any merit, that's the course of action that Oregon legislators should pursue, not by passing a law that create an end around to the Constitutional amendment process.

Vote no on SB 870.

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