

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE Disenfranchises ALL Oregon Voters

HB2927, as introduced

STRONG OPPOSITION

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Dear Chair Williamson and members of the House Rules Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share the reasoning behind my strong opposition to HB 2927, which is a rehash of HB3475 from the 2015 Legislative session.

Summarized as “Enacts Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.”

I became a citizen to vote.

As a naturalized American Citizen I had the privilege of being taken from a country that embraced Socialism and brought to the United States as a legal immigrant. My public education instilled in me a deep appreciation in the wisdom of our founding documents that established our Republic. I understand the Pledge of Allegiance and value the rights my parents wanted me to have when they came to the United States legally in 1963.

As a young adult, it was my option to select any country as my home. To become a citizen, to have the responsibility and privilege of voting to elect leaders who should be working not only for me, but upholding the Constitution of my country and my state. When I took the oath of citizenship, it was not just another afternoon in a Federal Court house with new fellow citizens.

I got the vote, after waiting two years in the queue at the INS.

I could have continued to be a permanent resident alien and not bothered to change my immigration status and my daily life would have been, in many ways, no different than any citizen of the United States. But the one thing I could not do and the most meaningful thing absent in my life was the right to vote.

HB 2927 would be a way of legislating away MY vote.

The book published by the proponents of the National Popular Vote movement is an encyclopedic effort to convince you that I am somehow having my vote wasted if you do not obligate Oregon into an elaborate scheme of disenfranchising voters.

Truths are self-evident. The truth is simple, I accept the allocation of electoral votes based upon the vote totals of the State of Oregon.

I am not disenfranchised if I have a direct connection between a victory or a defeat when the President and Vice president are chosen. If I don't like the result, I must participate as a citizen and work to see a different result in the next election.

The National Popular Vote ignores the US Constitution and manipulates votes and ignores the independent and unique needs of individual states. Bypassing the Constitutional amendment process is a bastardization of founding principles to manipulate an election outcome.

Critical decisions don't need tricky pacts between some group of states. There are lots of ways to make **BAD DECISIONS**, why would we enact a scheme that creates false results.

False Positive and False Negative Results when tests & medical treatment not aligned with truth.

If someone undergoes a test for a cancer and a test is NOT synchronized with reality, the end result is not good. There are two ways to have accurate results, two ways to have FALSE results.

		Test Result	
		Test says you're sick	Test says you're not sick
Disease Condition	I'm actually sick	Actually sick, get treatment	No treatment, get sicker FALSE NEGATIVE
	I'm not Sick	Get unnecessary worry & treatment FALSE POSITIVE	Relief, joy and long life

Bad decisions are made if they are based on bad information at least 50% of the time.

Election consequences are just as critical, if not MORE critical, than any other decision citizens make.

False Positive and False Negative Results when elections are nationalized by Popular Vote scheme.

		Oregon Vote tally	
		Their Candidate wins	My candidate wins
National Popular Vote	Their Candidate wins	Results are accurate, though not my preference	Disenfranchised Voters FALSE NEGATIVE
	My Candidate wins	Disenfranchised voters FALSE POSITIVE	Results are accurate

By the very **FLAWED DESIGN** of National Popular Vote, millions of Oregon Voters will be disenfranchised.

Republicans, do you want to win Presidential electors in Oregon and have it taken away by the votes in another state?

Democrats, do you want to win Presidential electors in Oregon and have it taken away by the votes in another state?

Who feels cheated & disrespected?

Oregonians who know that the Oregon Legislature gave away their votes to the mob mentality built into the National Popular Vote scheme.

No matter which political party you may call home, as a legislator, your constituents will hold you responsible for their disenfranchisement, passing this bill allows the for the gaming of the system.

Every manipulative election scheme CAN and WILL BE ABUSED at some time. National Popular Vote is bad public policy, no matter how enticing the lobbyists have tried to make this bill appear.

In conclusion, my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to **HB2927** can be summarized by the following:

National Popular Vote is the first step to ignoring my rights as a voter.

I choose to vote and accept the consequences of my vote.

I am disenfranchised when this bill devalues what I value most as a citizen, my vote.

I oppose any scheme to subvert the Constitution, which would manipulate election results

This tells voters that their vote doesn't matter, some one else knows better, don't bother, your choice is meaningless.

This bill surrenders my vote and willingly disrespects the reasons I became a citizen.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views and I strongly urge you to vote no on HB2927

I would be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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