

HB 2927: the Massive Election Fraud Enabling Act

This bill, HB 2927, would enable the effectiveness of massive election fraud that would destroy the integrity of our presidential elections -- an effect opposite of the goals of its proponents.

1. Consider a state -- or several of them -- in which one party is dominant, and in which there is a proclivity toward electoral shenanigans. I'm sure a few such states come to your mind. Under the electoral college, there is no incentive to massive electoral fraud in the presidential election; the state's electoral votes go to the state's dominant party. Very simple. Under the "National Popular Vote," that state's leaders have a strong incentive to pad the state's margin by a million or so votes, thereby swinging the national election results.
2. The leaders in such states have opportunities for massive electoral fraud. There are several states in which voting is done by electronic machines and no actual recount is possible; each machine is only capable of re-reporting its totals. Vote-counting software is vulnerable.
3. Even if an effective recount is possible, a state in which massive fraud has been committed can avoid doing a recount. Typically, recounts are triggered only where elections are close. In a state where the reported result is not close, the election officials can avoid doing a recount, and in fact would have a strong incentive to certify its results without doing a recount!
4. Each state is responsible for the integrity of the votes by its citizens. It alone has the responsibility to certify election results. Once a state has certified its results, there is no provision for questioning the results. The Supreme Court so declared in the chaotic Florida vote in George Bush's election.
5. The proposed Interstate Compact has no provision to change that. A state's certified election result -- no matter how flawed -- would still be the final word.
6. Under the proposed Interstate Compact, a fraudulent additional several million votes in one or two states can overwhelm the valid votes in all other states. The effect is the opposite of the promised outcome that all votes nationwide have equal weight. Of course, an election could still be a contest: which party can more effectively produce fraudulent votes!
7. The National Popular Vote is a worthy goal, but achievable only after the integrity of election results can be ensured nationally.

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