

To Chair Jennifer Williamson and Committee Members:

Dear Ms. Williamson and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2927. I believe this is the wrong way to challenge the current constitution, and will be very disruptive to our current political process. I believe the arguments for keeping the electoral college and system the way they are now are sound arguments, and the arguments for states entering into National Popular Vote contracts are unsound and disruptive.

The current way of electing our president is consistent with our constitution and constitutional republic. The popular vote of a state should never be overridden by the popular votes of other states. Ways that the current electoral college system are consistent with the constitution are the use of 2 senators per state regardless of state populations, and even the use of congressional house of representative to represent people. The representatives have freedom to vote the way they feel best on issues, even if their vote is different than their constituent's preferences.

The national popular vote idea to be consistent could be extended so that each senator's voting power in the Senate is in proportion to his or her state's population. That way a senator from New York or California would have considerable more voting power than a senator from Oregon. And the house of

representatives could just be done away with, and let the people vote directly on bills. That way one vote per person would be achieved. I think we can agree that would be ridiculous and could never happen. Neither should the National Popular Vote contract system happen.

Thank you for listening.

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