

Honorable Chair Jennifer Williamson and Committee Members,

I am opposed to HB 2927, the National Popular Vote.

If the National Popular Vote Compact were to be enacted the following presidential election would constitute a legal challenge that would put our country into a constitutional crisis. I believe that it violates Article 1 Clause 10 section 3. "No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay." There is zero chance that Congress would give its consent to such a scheme.

This is a direct work around the electoral college. The founders debated the presidential election process but deliberately put in a different plan than the direct election of our President. If the makers of this bill wish to change the law they need to go about it as an amendment to the Constitution. It is only fair that the country agrees together on how they will elect the President. We have already agreed on the Electoral College. This compact only includes part of the states.

The National Popular Vote threatens the sovereignty of the states as the laws and circumstances of one state can change the vote in another state for which they have no control and have no representation. It also locks into place the future action of the state legislators ability to make law.

I have attached Federalist Paper #68 by Hamilton, on the election of the President to give you their perspective on the debate that the founders considered when they put the electoral college in place. They specifically kept the electors in their home state during the vote for the electoral college in hopes that it would keep outsiders from influencing the electors. They wanted to keep the electors of each state connected to the people of that state. The National Popular Vote goes against this purpose.

See also attached: The Heritage Foundation white paper: "Destroying the Electoral College" by Hons von Spakovsky which shows the flaws of the National Popular Vote scheme.
The Prager University youtube
video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXnjGD7j2B0&feature=youtu.be>

Please vote NO on HB2927!

Thank you for your time in considering my testimony.

Best Regards,

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