

13 March 2017

Re: HB 2927

Chairwoman Williamson and Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 2927, Relating to the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

The Electoral College process was put in place, among other reasons, to ensure that smaller or lesser populated states still have a voice in the Presidential election. If our President is elected by popular vote, candidates will only focus on big states like California, New York, and Texas. They will have no reason to bother with smaller states without large population centers. Those large states will determine the course of every election, disenfranchising voters from across the country.

Our Republic was never intended to be a "majority rules" democracy. There are checks and balances that have been put into place to safeguard the rights of the minority. It is my belief that the Electoral College is one of those safeguards, and needs to be preserved in its current form.

I am asking for a "NO" vote on HB 2927.

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