

HB 2927

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Vote NO to National Popular Vote

Vote No

We are sovereign states gathered together in an arrangement called federalism, where the states retain their sovereignty, but cooperate together for common good.

We ALREADY HAVE A POPULAR VOTE in each sovereign state, which elects all the representatives of the people, and the vote is finished, complete within the state of Oregon. Our popular vote elects the number of people who will cast a vote that reflects the outcome of the popular vote of Oregon, according to the population. The Constitution of the United States allows for increase in the number of electors when the population increases. It's an ingenious idea, and its genius has not decreased with the passage of time.

We are not subjected to how people in another state conduct their own elections. Their problems remain their own problems, and whether they run a clean election is not our problem. We only have our local election to think about.

We are not subjected to lawsuits from election processes far away.

If we join a pool of voters, we will lose that sovereignty, and be subjected to elections over which we have no control, and we will be overwhelmed by the population centers. There will be no border of Oregon to protect the integrity of our elections.

We will, in effect, subject ourselves to acting like the province of a national government, rather than a sovereign state with our own election process. The glory of America, is that we are the United States. Each state gets to participate with the other states, but we are autonomous. Once we give up that autonomy we will not get it back.

It's like the forests. The federal government took Oregon's forests, and even when they do not manage them well, WE end up paying for the fire suppression, which good management would alleviate. WE end up without the resource, and watch it go up in flames, watching helplessly as property is destroyed and people are injured and killed.

It's like our Senators, which under the Constitution were supposed to represent the state of Oregon, being elected by the legislature of Oregon. But people thought that a popular vote should elect the Senators. So now the balanced idea in the Constitution, which gave the Senators a valid occupation, has resulted in them not representing the state, but instead not really representing anybody. We already have representatives, and they are sort of another layer. It's messy and they are a hindrance to the function of the Congress. Mostly they get very personally wealthy, which is not a legitimate function of government.

The founders of the United States gave a lot of thought to the system they developed. Their goal was the retention of rights close to the people, and the finished popular vote in each state is NECESSARY for those rights. The federal government is supposed to be limited, and its chief executive is supposed to be limited in power. We must have strong state election processes to retain those rights.