

To: House Committee on Rules
From: Donna Cohen
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Re: HB 2927

I support HB 2927. The Electoral College as envisioned was to be a check on the tendency of the populace toward too emotional judgements. However, it has simply become a rubber stamp for what each state determines to be the designated candidate for President.

The Electoral College is not functioning as envisioned - and, lets' face it, the framers of the Constitution could not see past a total population for the U.S. of 6 million [based up information I can provide]. The framers also did not see that state legislatures choosing Senators would not always be viable.

Let's take reasonable steps to have our Electoral College function as appropriate for this period in time. Most Americans want the President to be elected by popular vote.

No system is perfect but election by popular vote is a better alternative than the current situation.

And, yes, if a person not of my party wins the popular vote I will still be fine with the new system. At least I will know that it was the voice of the people - not select designees - that put the President in office.

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