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I strongly urge a NO vote on HB 2927 for the following reasons:

1. We would have less impact and voice in the national elections.
2. Currently Presidential candidates focus on battleground/swing states, which change with every election under our current electoral college system, giving voice to smaller states such as Vermont, Iowa, etc. Under NPV candidates would focus on only high population states such as California, Texas, Florida and New York. The reason Oregon is seldom visited by Presidential candidates is that Democrat candidates are confident of winning the state and Republicans see it as a waste of funds.
3. Regardless of how we as Oregonians vote, our vote will be cancelled by the votes of the rest of the nation. All our electors would be required to cast their vote for the **national** popular vote winner.
4. The National Popular Vote movement does not want to go through the legal process of going through Congress to change the U. S. Constitution, which states in:
Article 1, Section 10.3: "No state shall, without the consent of Congress ...enter into any Agreement or Compact with another state."
5. Without the process of going through Congress, the Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is not legitimate, so its results would be challenged.
6. Winner takes all nationally; the individual states are not the election districts but rather the nation would be the election district.
7. Disputed results would be viewed nationally, not by individual states.
8. All existing laws regarding recounts when results are disputed address elections within each state. This would be impossible at the national level.

Thank you for considering my points as you debate this important issue.

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