

Hello,

I strongly support HB2927 and do not support SB825.

I believe that the National Popular Vote interstate compact, if ratified, has the potential to drastically improve voter turnout. As a recent naturalized citizen (2015), I voted in the 2016 presidential election, however, I knew that my vote wouldn't make a difference because of Oregon's heavily democratic electorate. Voter turnout in the U.S. is abysmal, and trails most developed countries (<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/05/15/u-s-voter-turnout-trails-most-developed-countries/>). Because of the state winner-take-all statutes, presidential candidates have no reason to pay attention to the issues of concern to voters in states where the statewide outcome is a foregone conclusion. Furthermore, voters in states, such as OR, that are heavily favored for one of the two major parties, are even more disengaged from the presidential electoral process because the winner-take-all statutes, in effect, wastes their vote. Having 1 vote = 1 person count across the nation for the Presidential election will help to galvanize civic engagement. Furthermore, presidential campaigns will spend more effort addressing issues particular to all states, rather than just battleground states, further engaging voters.

We currently elect State governors by popular vote across each state. Why shouldn't the presidential election be run similarly? Because they are elected by the popular vote, Governors and gubernatorial candidates must pay heed to the issues of both rural and urban voters throughout their state while campaigning, and after being elected. The problems that detractors of the NPV interstate compact typically propose simply do not add up when applied to gubernatorial elections.

I hope that you will read and consider the points summarized here:

<http://www.nationalpopularvote.com/sites/default/files/eve-4th-ed-ch-9-myths-2013-2-21.pdf>

Thanks,

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