

Rules Committee,

Our system of government is somewhat unique in the world of democracies. We have a direct election of our President rather than a parliamentary system. When our country was founded a compromise was put into place. The southern states had a reluctance to join in the Federation. They worried that they would always be the vote losers because there were very few white male landowner voters. They were an agrarian society dependent on slavery. The Electoral College was the compromise. The "White landowner vote" could count for more with a weighting given it for non voting slaves owned.

While this may have worked to form our Federation, it defeats the reality of a direct vote now. We are now an industrialized society. We should invoke the true meaning of democracy; one vote counts. The President should always be the person who receives the majority of votes. Gerrymandering, suppression of votes and convoluted weightings should not determine the end result. Give voice and choice back to the citizens.

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