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Rules Committee,

The Electoral College was created in a day when communications took days, if not weeks. It was a time when it was difficult to be informed. Therefore, an intermediary, the Electoral College, was created to help nullify these issues.

Now, we live in an age of instant communications. We live in an era of massive amounts of news and information that is available within minutes--if in not real-time--of it occurring.

So, now, the Electoral College is like the human appendix: it's a vestigial organ. However, just because it exists, it is played by politicians--just because it can be--and results can be manipulated.

As a result, presidential candidates only campaign in just nine swing states. Even though people vote, they--WE!--still feel disenfranchised. The idea of "one (wo)man, one vote" is just a bromide. Oregon just "doesn't count" in the electoral college reality of today.

This problem can be fixed by the Popular Vote. At every level it would assure that elections would be won by the candidate gets the most votes. Whether it's the local councilmember or statewide office or the President of the country, the candidate with the most votes would be declared the winner. That, along with district boundaries being drawn based on geographical features, not gerrymandered conniving, will be TRUE democracy.

Passage of Oregon's HB2927 would bring the country closer to TRUE democracy, and Oregon closer to having its TRUE representation.

Sincerely...

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