

Rules Committee,

I urge the passage of HB 2927 the National Popular vote bill. The electoral college is an outdated and antiquated system which came from a different era. It disenfranchises minority and inner city voters. It creates a form of gerrymandering. It renders States such as Oregon essentially irrelevant in National Presidential race because it's assumed it will vote Democrat. It boils the election down to a few toss up states. When the electoral college was founded We The People did not include women, did not include slaves, and did include natives. Men could not vote if they did not own property. There were ten million residents in the colonies, most in rural areas. The biggest cities had less than a half million residents. The electoral college was put in to encourage southern slave states in. Each state was given credit for three fifths a person for each slave, raising the population and the representative, even though slaves couldn't vote. Times have changed, we now have fifty states instead of thirteen, population base has moved to cities. The 146 most populous counties have more citizens than the other 3,143. It's because that's where the jobs are. It's time for a fair and equitable system. We're the only country that does this. Our founding fathers could not have foreseen this.

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