

Senate Rules Committee,

I urge your support for HB2927 and to oppose SB 1512, the referral version of the bill. The House has passed this bill four times during the past 10 years, and it is critical that it be allowed a hearing in the Senate...at least once!

The US Constitution mandates the state legislatures the task of deciding how a state awards its electoral votes for President. The practical effect of the referral bill would be an expensive war of sound bites financed by out-of-state billionaires who like the idea of electing Presidents who fail to garner a majority of the country's votes. (remember Measure 98) In addition, a referral bill would likely lead to a court challenge with taxpayers footing the bill. All the state legislatures who have already passed this bill, did so without a referral. We desperately need a revitalization of political integrity in this country where everyone's vote counts equally, and HB 2927 gets us a bit farther down that road. .

Thank you for your time.

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