



## MAKING EVERY VOTE EQUAL IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

### A State-Based Plan For Electing The President By National Popular Vote

#### What's Wrong With The Current System For Electing The President?

- With the current winner-take-all allocation of each state's electoral votes, **candidates are forced to focus exclusively on a small number of "battleground" states.**
- **More than two-thirds of the states are effectively disenfranchised**, receiving little or no attention from the candidates or their campaigns. No visits, no ads, no policy consideration.
- **Not every vote is equal.** The statewide winner-take-all rule creates variations of 1000-to-1 and more in the weight of a vote.
- **The current system does not reliably reflect the national popular vote.** It is possible to win the Presidency without winning the most popular votes nationwide.
- **Creates artificial crises** even when the nationwide popular vote is not particularly close.

#### Nationwide Popular Election As A Remedy To The Current Problems

- **Makes all states competitive and all votes important.**
- **Guarantees that the candidate with the most popular votes nationwide wins the Presidency.**
- **Makes every vote equal.**
- **It's what the public wants** - An overwhelming majority of Americans support nationwide popular election of the President - over 70% in recent polls.

#### What is the National Popular Vote Plan?

- Each state participating in the plan would award all of their electoral votes to the presidential candidate receiving the most popular votes nationwide (in all 50 states and the District of Columbia).
- **The National Popular Vote plan would take effect only when the plan has been enacted by states collectively possessing a majority of the electoral votes**—that is 270 of the 538 electoral votes. This guarantees that the presidential candidate receiving the most popular votes nationwide would win enough electoral votes in the Electoral College to become President.
- The proposed National Popular Vote plan is state legislation in the form of an "interstate compact." An interstate compact is the legal vehicle that the Founders placed in the Constitution to enable the states to address a common problem by coordinated action.
- The plan recognizes the inherent power granted to the states in the Constitution to employ the most suitable method for casting their electoral votes.

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