

DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

Resolution in Support of the Electoral College

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association --was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Summary

This resolution calls on the State of (insert state) to recognize the current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the President of the United States. The current Electoral College system respects small states, rural areas, and the principle of federalism. Furthermore, this resolution calls on the State of (insert state) to defeat any multi-state compact legislation that would cause (insert state)'s electoral votes to be awarded based on the results of the national popular vote.

From CMD: By this resolution, ALEC opposes popular vote measures to reform the anti-democratic procedures of using the electoral college to choose the president, which has resulted on people becoming president for whom a majority of Americans did not vote.

Model Resolution

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

The Founding Fathers also rejected outlawing slavery in the U.S., and supported the "indirect election" of Senators to keep ordinary Americans from choosing their own representatives in the Senate.

WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers rejected having the President of the United States elected by a national popular vote and instead chose the Electoral College system; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system encourages presidential candidates to campaign in large metropolitan areas and also in rural areas and small states; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that the winning Presidential candidate has support from multiple regions of the country; and

So would the popular vote....

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the Founders' strong belief that individual states should have a vital role in electing the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance of individual states in presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the separation of and balance of power and authority between the States and the Federal government; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that (insert state)'s electoral votes are awarded based on how the majority of the State's citizens vote;

WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, (insert states)'s electoral votes could be awarded to a candidate that the majority of the State's citizens did not vote for; and

interesting focus on recounts....

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system is better suited to handle recounts because they happen at the state level, which is more manageable than if they were to happen at the national level as they might if the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact were adopted; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system creates a needed balance between agrarian and industrial interests; and

WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system best preserves our two-party system and prevents the fracture of America's political structure; and

The Founding Fathers would have abhorred the "two-party" system and spoke out against "factions" capturing the political process in the Federalist Papers, such as Federalist No. 10.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has rejected over 1000 amendments to the Constitution to change the Electoral College, including amendments to change to a popular vote system; and

WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is questionable because Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution states that no state, without the consent of Congress, may "enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State of (insert state) endorses its current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the President of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of (insert state) shall defeat any legislation that creates a multi-state compact for the purpose of dismantling its current Electoral College System.

Why is ALEC's "Criminal Justice Task Force" focused on voting and on protecting anti-democratic procedures like the Electoral College?

Adopted by the Criminal Justice Task Force at the Annual Meeting, August 2007. Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors September 2007.

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:

This Resolution expresses support for the state-by-state electoral college system, and opposes efforts to replace the electoral college with a direct, nationwide vote (the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact). The Compact is based on Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, which gives each state legislature the right to decide how to appoint its own electors; if enough states join the compact to represent a controlling majority of the Electoral College (270 votes), all of the states would cast their electoral votes for the winner of the national popular vote (rather than just the winner for their particular state). A direct vote would avoid problems like those that arose in the 2000 Bush v. Gore election, where Al Gore won the popular vote but lost the election because of Florida (and its questionable ballot-counting). Direct voting has been debated on both ends of the political spectrum. The biggest change would likely be that elections would not be decided by just a few swing states (which means that candidates would have more of a national focus, rather than appealing to discrete interest groups within swing states at the expense of other states). Direct voting would also make it harder for corporations and interest groups (like the NRA) to influence elections -- these groups would no longer be able to spend lots of money on just a few states and have an impact on the outcome.

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