

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 1001

By: Banz, Dank, Wright (John)
and Derby of the House

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7 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Electoral
College system; endorsing the current Electoral
8 College system as the best way to elect the U.S.
President; and resolving to defeat any legislation
9 that creates a multistate compact to dismantle its
current Electoral College system.
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12 WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers rejected having the President of
13 the United States elected by a national popular vote and instead
14 chose the Electoral College system; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the
22 Founders' strong belief that individual states shall have a vital
23 role in electing the President of the United States; and
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1 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes
2 the importance of individual states in presidential elections; and

3 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the
4 separation of and balance of power and authority between the states
5 and the federal government; and

6 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that
7 Oklahoma's electoral votes are awarded based on how the majority of
8 the state's citizens vote; and

9 WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact,
10 Oklahoma's electoral votes could be awarded to a candidate for which
11 the majority of the state's citizens did not vote; and

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has rejected over 1,000
23 amendments to the Constitution to change the Electoral College,
24 including amendments to change to a popular vote system; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the State of Oklahoma endorses its current Electoral
10 College system as the best way to elect the President of the United
11 States.

12 THAT the State of Oklahoma shall defeat any legislation that
13 creates a multistate compact for the purpose of dismantling its
14 current Electoral College system.

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