

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Monday, February 9, 2009

**House Concurrent  
Resolution No. 1001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1001 - By: BANZ of the House.

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the Electoral College system; endorsing the current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the U.S. President; and resolving to defeat any legislation that creates a multistate compact to dismantle its current Electoral College system.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21          WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact  
22 is questionable because Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution states that no state,

1 without the consent of Congress, may “enter into any Agreement or Compact with  
2 another State.”

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
5 LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02-05-09 - DO PASS.