

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1047

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Resolution declaring support for the present system
10 of electing the President of the United States and
11 the Electoral College; rejecting efforts to
12 circumvent this system; and providing for
13 distribution.

14 WHEREAS, the framers of the United States Constitution
15 specifically considered, and specifically rejected the direct
16 popular election of the President of the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, the framers of the United States Constitution intended
18 to create a federal republic rather than a unitary democracy; and

19 WHEREAS, the proposal known as National Popular Vote does not
20 guarantee the election of a President of the United States by a
21 majority of the voters; and

22 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote clearly proposes the creation
23 of a compact system which violates the spirit of the framers' intent
24 to select the President of the United States by the states; and

1 WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Oklahoma would have a loss
2 of influence in determining the outcome of a presidential election
3 if the National Popular Vote proposal were to be adopted; and

4 WHEREAS, the framers of the United States Constitution provided
5 for a process of changing the Constitution, which is of a federal
6 character, involving both the federal government and the several
7 state governments; and

8 WHEREAS, the framers of the United States Constitution provided
9 for a process of changing the Constitution which provides for a
10 consensus of the states and their citizens, which forces proposed
11 amendments which have a broad and not narrow base of support; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote would contribute to the
13 nationalization of public policy, and reduce the influence of the
14 average citizen in the making of public policy; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote would nationalize any needed
16 recounts, and possibly lead to a destabilization of our political
17 system and constitutional government; and

18 WHEREAS, no process presently exists for a national recount, or
19 the circumstances under which such a national recount would take
20 place.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

23 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives does hereby declare
24 that we reassert our support for the present system of electing the

1 President of the United States via the Electoral College, as
2 provided for in the Constitution of the United States, as amended,
3 and totally rejects any efforts to circumvent this system of
4 electing the President of the United States through a compact
5 system, as proposed by the National Popular Vote proposal.

6 THAT copies of this resolution shall be dispatched to the
7 Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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