

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE

4 RESOLUTION 1047

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9 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote clearly proposes the creation
24 of a compact system which violates the spirit of the framers' intent
25 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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