



CGA Government Administration and Elections Committee

February 25, 2013 Public Hearing

Testimony Submitted by Christine S. Horrigan, Government Director

Support for:

SB 432 AAC AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

Opposition to:

SJ 18 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CURRENT ELECTORAL
COLLEGE SYSTEM AS THE BEST WAY TO ELECT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is a statewide organization with over 1600 members committed to effective public policy and the active involvement of citizens in their government. On behalf of the League, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the National Popular Vote bill and Electoral College resolution before you today.

The League of Women Voters believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice President is essential to representative government. We believe, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. In the meantime, we support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the President until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. Accordingly, the League *supports SB 432—AAC An Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote—and opposes SJ 18— Resolution Recognizing the Current Electoral College System as the Best Way to Elect the President of the United States.*

The President and the Vice President are the only public officials elected to represent the entire country. The National Popular Vote bill would guarantee the presidency to the winner of the popular vote in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It replaces the “winner-take-all” rule with a system based on the concept of “one person, one vote.” While preserving the Electoral College, it ensures that *every vote is equal and every vote matters in a presidential election.* As the pervasive gerrymandering of congressional districts continues, it creates the potential for abuse of the Electoral College. The League believes that it is more important than ever that we preserve the democratic ideal of making each vote count. Please vote YES on SB 432 and NO on SJ 18.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment upon this important bill and the resolution.