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The Government Administration and Elections Committee

Testimony in regard to HB 5421 - AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

Honored committee members,

I am writing to ask this committee to reject the proposal to join the National Popular vote as this is actually a contract between States which is prohibited under The U.S. Constitution - Article I, Section 10, Clause 3: the Compact Clause . “No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact **with another State**, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.”

From <https://www.nationalpopularvote.com/written-explanation>: “The National Popular Vote interstate compact would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia”

Compact is defined as; noun, a formal agreement between two or more parties, states, etc.; contract:

Regards,
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