

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Subject: Please vote no on National Popular Vote bills SB 408 and HB 5421.

Replacing the Electoral College method of selecting the President of the United States with a National Popular Vote will disadvantage Connecticut and it will add cost and delay in the election process.

- In the last election none of the candidates received more than 50 percent of the vote. Without such a clear majority, runoff elections may be required.
- In the last election CT's 7 electoral votes equaled 1.3% of the Electoral College tally. While CT's popular vote only represented 1.18% of the votes cast. That translates in to an 11% increase in CT's ability to influence the election through the Electoral College process.
- Candidates will have less need to visit CT to get votes because they may see more advantage in spending their election dollars and time in states with a larger population.
- The economy could also be hurt. Less federal transportation, military and research money will flow to the state with fewer voters.

There is no advantage to surrendering to the National Popular Vote initiative.

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