

## Count Every Vote to Make Every Vote Count

I urge you to vote "YES" to bill number H.B. 5421 -- the National Popular Vote Interstate

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At a time when our democratic system is increasingly under assault, it is critical that we support one-person one-vote in presidential elections. The Electoral College had its base in the reinforcement of a corrupt & arbitrary system -- allowing slaveowners to claim that each nonvoting slave be counted as 2/3 of a person in allocating the number of electors per region. Each state was then allowed to make its own rules regarding the system of choosing electors, paving the way for behind-the-scene deals to benefit particular candidates/parties. This messy process has continued until the present with ever more serious consequences. Gerrymandering has been refined to an art form and corporate dollars are flooding the process. The result is the demise of the power of the popular vote. The importance of a vote is either magnified or diminished depending upon the state in which the voter resides. Campaigning is thus limited to a handful of swing or "purple" states. Voter apathy reigns. The result of this flawed system is that in recent presidential elections, we have increasingly "elected" the candidate who has received the minority of the popular vote. We must instill democratic procedures to support a democratic system. Join our neighboring states and restore to CT residents the power of choice in presidential elections. Thank you!