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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
2	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
3	as follows:
4	"CHAPTER
5	AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE
6	PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE
7	ARTICLE I
8	MEMBERSHIP
9	Any State of the United States and the District of Columbia
10	may become a member of this agreement by enacting this
11	agreement.
12	ARTICLE II
13	RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE IN MEMBER STATES TO VOTE FOR
14	PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
15	Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular
16	election for President and Vice President of the United States.

1	ARTICLE III
2	MANNER OF APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN MEMBER STATES
3	Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by
4	the presidential electors, the chief election official of each
5	member state shall determine the number of votes for each
6	presidential slate in each State of the United States and in the
7	District of Columbia in which votes have been cast in a
8	statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
9	produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential
10	slate.
11	The chief election official of each member state shall
12	designate the presidential slate with the largest national
13	popular vote total as the "national popular vote winner." The
14	presidential elector certifying official of each member state
15	shall certify the appointment in that official's own state of
16	the elector slate nominated in that state in association with
17	the national popular vote winner.
18	At least six days before the day fixed by law for the
19	meeting and voting by the presidential electors, each member
20	state shall make a final determination of the number of popular
21	votes cast in the state for each presidential slate and shall
22	communicate an official statement of such determination within
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- 1 twenty-four hours to the chief election official of each other
  2 member state.
- 3 The chief election official of each member state shall
- 4 treat as conclusive an official statement containing the number
- 5 of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by
- 6 the day established by federal law for making a state's final
- 7 determination conclusive as to the counting of electoral votes
- 8 by congress.
- 9 In event of a tie for the national popular vote winner, the
- 10 presidential elector certifying official of each member state
- 11 shall certify the appointment of the elector slate nominated in
- 12 association with the presidential slate receiving the largest
- 13 number of popular votes within that official's own state.
- 14 If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors
- 15 nominated in a member state in association with the national
- 16 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's
- 17 number of electoral votes, the presidential candidate on the
- 18 presidential slate that has been designated as the national
- 19 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the
- 20 presidential electors for that state and that state's
- 21 presidential elector certifying official shall certify the
- 22 appointment of such nominees. The chief election official of



- 1 each member state shall immediately release to the public all
- 2 vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or
- 3 obtained.
- 4 This article shall govern the appointment of presidential
- 5 electors in each member state in any year in which this
- 6 agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively
- 7 possessing a majority of the electoral votes.
- 8 ARTICLE IV
- 9 OTHER PROVISIONS
- 10 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively
- 11 possessing a majority of the electoral votes have enacted this
- 12 agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments by
- 13 such states have taken effect in each state.
- 14 Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except
- 15 that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of
- 16 a President's term shall not become effective until a President
- 17 or Vice President shall have been qualified to serve the next
- 18 term.
- 19 The chief executive of each member state shall promptly
- 20 notify the chief executive of all other states of when this
- 21 agreement has been enacted and has taken effect in that

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    official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this
    agreement, and when this agreement takes affect generally.
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         This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is
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    abolished.
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         If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the
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    remaining provisions shall not be affected.
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                                 ARTICLE V
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                                DEFINITIONS
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         For the purpose of this agreement,
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         "Chief executive" shall mean the Governor of a State of the
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    United States or the Mayor of the District of Columbia;
         "Elector slate" shall mean a slate of candidates who have
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    been nominated in a state for the position of presidential
    elector in association with a presidential slate;
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         "Chief election official" shall mean the state official or
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    body that is authorized to certify the total number of popular
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    votes for each presidential slate;
         "Presidential elector" shall mean an elector for President
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    and Vice President of the United States;
         "Presidential elector certifying official" shall mean the
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    state official or body that is authorized to certify the
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    appointment of the state's presidential electors;
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1 "Presidential slate" shall mean a slate of two persons, the 2 first of whom has been nominated as a candidate for President of the United States and the second of whom has been nominated as a 3 4 candidate for Vice President of the United States, or any legal successors to such persons, regardless of whether both names 5 6 appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular 7 state; 8 "State" shall mean a State of the United States and the 9 District of Columbia; and 10 "Statewide popular election" shall mean a general election in which votes are cast for presidential slates by individual 11 voters and counted on a statewide basis." 12 SECTION 2. Section 14-24, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 13 14 amended to read as follows: 15 "\$14-24 [Certificate] Designation of state popular vote 16 winner; certificate of election, notice of meeting. For purposes of this section, "state popular vote winner" shall mean 17 18 the presidential slate comprised of the president and vice 19 president who have received the majority of individual votes at 20 a general election in which votes are counted on a statewide

basis. The chief election officer shall designate the

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- 1 presidential slate with the largest statewide popular vote as 2 the "state popular vote winner". 3 Not later than 4:30 p.m. on the last day in the month of 4 the election, or as soon as the returns have been received from 5 all counties in the State, if received before that time, the 6 chief election officer shall certify to the governor the names 7 of the presidential electors and alternates of the same 8 political party or group as the candidates for president and 9 vice president [receiving the highest number of votes] according 10 to the number of votes received by each state as elected as 11 presidential electors and alternates. Thereupon the governor 12 shall in accordance with the laws of the United States, 13 communicate by registered mail under the seal of the State of 14 Hawaii to the administrator of general services of the United States, the certificates of persons elected as presidential 15 16 electors, setting forth the names of the electors and the total 17 number of votes cast for each elector. The chief election 18 officer shall thereupon, together with a notice of the time and 19 place of the meeting of the electors, [cause to] issue and 20 transmit to each elector and alternate a certificate of election signed by the governor in substantially the following form: 21
  - CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF

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1	PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS
2	I,Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby
3	certify that a member of theparty
4	or group, was on theday of [ <del>19</del> ]
5	20, duly elected a Presidential Elector for the State of
6	Hawaii for the presidential election of $[\frac{19}{20}]$ $\underline{20}$
7	CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF
8	ALTERNATE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR
9	I,
10	certify that a member of theparty
11	or group, was on theday of $[\frac{19}{2}]$
12	20, duly electedAlternate Presidential
13	Elector for Presidential Electorfor the State of
14	Hawaii for the presidential election of $[\frac{19}{20}]$ $\underline{20}$ "
15	SECTION 3. Section 14-28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16	amended to read as follows:
17	"§14-28 Convening and voting for president and vice
18	president; [party vote.] state popular vote winner. The
19	electors, when convened, if both candidates are alive, shall
20	vote by ballot for that person for [president] President and
21	that person for [ <del>vice president</del> ] <u>Vice President</u> of the United
22	States, [who are, respectively, the candidates of the political
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- 1 party or group which they represent, one of whom, at least, is
- 2 not an inhabitant of this State. The electors shall vote for
- 3 the President and Vice President according to the state popular
- 4 vote, pursuant to section 14-24."
- 5 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 7 SECTION 5. Upon its approval, this Act shall take effect
- 8 pursuant to the requirements of Article IV of the Agreement in

9 section 1 of this Act.

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INTRODUCED BY:



### Report Title:

Elections; President; National Popular Vote

### Description:

Adopts multi-state compact for election of President of the United States by national popular vote.

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