

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1339

5 *By: Representatives Cooper, Davenport, Tyler, Lea*
6 By: Senator T. Smith
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO
11 ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONWIDE POPULAR VOTE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE
16 STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY
17 NATIONWIDE POPULAR VOTE.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 7, Chapter 8, Subchapter 3 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 7-8-308. The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by
25 Nationwide Popular Vote is enacted into law and entered into by this state
26 with all states legally joining therein and in the form substantially as
27 follows:
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29 AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONWIDE
30 POPULAR VOTE
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32 ARTICLE I

33 Membership

34 Any State of the United States and the District of Columbia may become
35 a member of this agreement by enacting this agreement.
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1 ARTICLE II

2 Right of the People in Member States to Vote for President and Vice President

3 Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for
4 President and Vice President of the United States.

6 ARTICLE III

7 Manner of Appointing Presidential Electors in Member States

8 Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the
9 presidential electors, the chief election official of each member state shall
10 determine the number of votes for each presidential slate in each State of
11 the United States and in the District of Columbia in which votes have been
12 cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
13 produce a "national popular vote total" for each presidential slate.

14 The chief election official of each member state shall designate the
15 presidential slate with the largest national popular vote total as the
16 "national popular vote winner."

17 The presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall
18 certify the appointment in that official's own state of the elector slate
19 nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner.

20 At least six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and
21 voting by the presidential electors, each member state shall make a final
22 determination of the number of popular votes cast in the state for each
23 presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such
24 determination within 24 hours to the chief election official of each other
25 member state.

26 The chief election official of each member state shall treat as
27 conclusive an official statement containing the number of popular votes in a
28 state for each presidential slate made by the day established by federal law
29 for making a state's final determination conclusive as to the counting of
30 electoral votes by Congress.

31 In event of a tie for the national popular vote winner, the
32 presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify
33 the appointment of the elector slate nominated in association with the
34 presidential slate receiving the largest number of popular votes within that
35 official's own state.

36 If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors nominated in a

1 member state in association with the national popular vote winner is less
2 than or greater than that state's number of electoral votes, the presidential
3 candidate on the presidential slate that has been designated as the national
4 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the presidential
5 electors for that state and that state's presidential elector certifying
6 official shall certify the appointment of such nominees. The chief election
7 official of each member state shall immediately release to the public all
8 vote counts or statements of votes as they are determined or obtained.

9 This article shall govern the appointment of presidential electors in
10 each member state in any year in which this agreement is, on July 20, in
11 effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes.

12 ARTICLE IV

13 Other Provisions

14 This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a
15 majority of the electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially
16 the same form and the enactments by such states have taken effect in each
17 state.

18 Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except that a
19 withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of a President's term
20 shall not become effective until a President or Vice President shall have
21 been qualified to serve the next term.

22 The chief executive of each member state shall promptly notify the
23 chief executive of all other states of when this agreement has been enacted
24 and has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn
25 from this agreement, and when this agreement takes effect generally.

26 This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is abolished.

27 If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining
28 provisions shall not be affected.

29 ARTICLE V

30 Definitions

31 For purposes of this agreement,

32 "chief executive" shall mean the Governor of a State of the United
33 States or the Mayor of the District of Columbia;

34 "elector slate" shall mean a slate of candidates who have been
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1 nominated in a state for the position of presidential elector in association
2 with a presidential slate;

3 “chief election official” shall mean the state official or body that is
4 authorized to certify the total number of popular votes for each presidential
5 slate;

6 “presidential elector” shall mean an elector for President and Vice
7 President of the United States;

8 “presidential elector certifying official” shall mean the state
9 official or body that is authorized to certify the appointment of the state’s
10 presidential electors;

11 “presidential slate” shall mean a slate of two persons, the first of
12 whom has been nominated as a candidate for President of the United States and
13 the second of whom has been nominated as a candidate for Vice President of
14 the United States, or any legal successors to such persons, regardless of
15 whether both names appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a
16 particular state;

17 “state” shall mean a State of the United States and the District of
18 Columbia; and

19 “statewide popular election” shall mean a general election in which
20 votes are cast for presidential slates by individual voters and counted on a
21 statewide basis.

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