

AMENDMENTS TO LB10

Introduced by Chambers, 11.

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new section:

3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that:

4 (a) The President and Vice President of the United States are
5 electd by the Electoral College which consists of 538 presidential
6 electors from the fifty states and the District of Columbia;

7 (b) A candidate must currently receive a majority of 270 electoral
8 votes to win the office of President or Vice President;

9 (c) Article II, Section 1, Clause 2, of the United States
10 Constitution requires each state legislature to determine how
11 presidential electors for each state are chosen;

12 (d) In every state except Maine and Nebraska, presidential electors
13 are chosen by a "winner-take-all" method which awards all presidential
14 electors to the candidate who receives the most votes in those states;

15 (e) Maine and Nebraska use a proportional method whereby
16 presidential electors are allocated based on the popular vote winner
17 within each state's congressional districts and the statewide popular
18 vote winner receives two additional presidential electors;

19 (f) Advocates of the proportional method for allocating presidential
20 electors believe it encourages grassroots organizing within each
21 congressional district and incentivizes presidential candidates to
22 broaden their campaigns in otherwise noncompetitive states; and

23 (g) In the interest of fairness, all states should have the same
24 method for allocating presidential electors and the proportional method
25 is most democratic method while still maintaining the Electoral College.

26 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to urge each state to adopt
27 or continue the proportional method for allocating presidential electors.