

House Concurrent Resolution No. 44

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the Founding Fathers rejected having the President of the United States
2 elected by a popular vote and instead chose the electoral college system; and

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4 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system encourages presidential candidates
5 to campaign in large metropolitan areas and also in rural areas and small states; and

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7 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system ensures that the winning presidential
8 candidate has support from multiple regions of the country; and

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10 **Whereas**, the current electoral college respects the Founding Fathers' strong belief
11 that individual states should have a vital role in electing the President of the United States; and

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13 **Whereas**, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance
14 of individual states in presidential elections; and

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16 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system respects the separation of and
17 balance of power and authority between the States and the Federal government; and

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19 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system ensures that Missouri's electoral
20 votes are awarded based on how the majority of the State's citizens vote; and

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22 **Whereas**, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, Missouri's electoral
23 votes could be awarded to a candidate that the majority of the State's citizens did not vote for;
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26 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system is better suited to handle recounts
27 because they happen at the state level, which is more manageable than if they were to happen at
28 the national level as they might if the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is adopted; and
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30 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system creates a needed balance between
31 agrarian and industrial interests; and
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33 **Whereas**, the current electoral college system best preserves our two-party system
34 and prevents the fracture of America's political structure; and
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36 **Whereas**, the United States Congress has rejected over 1000 amendments to the
37 Constitution to change the electoral college, including amendments to change to a popular vote
38 system; and
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40 **Whereas**, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is
41 questionable because Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution states that no state,
42 without the consent of Congress, may "enter into any Agreement or Compact with another
43 State":
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45 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
46 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
47 concurring therein, hereby endorse our current electoral college system as the best way to elect
48 the President of the United States; and
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50 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly shall defeat any legislation
51 that creates a multi-state compact for the purpose of dismantling our current electoral college
52 system.

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