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TWO FACTORS

Senate bill (SB-42) 2019 in my view solves two main problems
 that exist with the current system of electing our President.

The two problems are:

1. Not all votes among individual votes are equal in strength or power.
2. All votes do not count all the way to the final determination of
 the individual who will become President.

STRENGTH OR POWER OF VOTE

In the current system of "winner take all" strength is dependent on the
 State in which you reside.

As an example, Wyoming has 3 electoral votes with about 500,000
 residents. Colorado has 9 electoral votes with a population of about
 5,000,000. In order to equalize the power of the individual vote based on
 population or voting population, since Colorado has ten times the population of
 Wyoming, should Colorado have ten times electoral votes or 30 instead of 9
 electoral votes? California has a population about 8 times larger than Colorado,
 (40 million) Should California then have 240 electoral votes instead of 55?

The conclusion here is that the power of the individual vote varies, and is
 determined by the State the voter lives in.

Another example:

I live in Colorado H.D. 27 which has 35 precincts. Should the winner of our
 house seat be whoever wins 18 or more Precincts, or who gets the most votes?

One of the remarkable features of passing SB-42 and the Compact going into
 effect will be that EVERY INDIVIDUAL VOTE IN OUR COUNTY WILL HAVE EQUAL
 POWER AND STRENGTH.

MANY VOTES DO NOT COUNT IN THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE ELECTION OF OUR PRESIDENT

In the current "winner take all" system all of those who voted for the losing candidate in their state do not really count in the final outcome of the election. The losing side gets zero electoral votes, and those who voted on the winning side get all of the electoral votes available in that state.

Thousands of votes in small states and millions of votes in large states are not counted in the final determination of the election.

Voter turnout even in Presidential Elections is smaller than it could be.

Why is that? If a voter lives in a state that is not a battleground state, that consistently, election after election, goes for one party over the other party, the voter may develop the idea that their individual vote does not count, and tragically decides not to bother to vote.

On the other hand if a voter knew that their vote, even though it is only one out of millions, would choose to vote, because their vote would count all the way to the final determination, in other words "winner take all" in a National total, and not stop at the borders of their state.

The final determination would be that ALL VOTES COUNT, regardless of who won the election in their state. I believe that over time voter turnout in a Presidential Elections would be increased.

In a sense this is like the Power Ball Lottery.

You cannot win the lottery if you do not buy a ticket.

If you buy a ticket, you at least have a chance of winning, even though your chance is very slim.

Your voice will never count if you do not vote.

Your voice will be only one of millions, but it will count.

The other remarkable feature in passing SB-42 is that EVERY INDIVIDUAL VOTE IN OUR COUNTRY WILL COUNT.

Each and every voter will derive satisfaction in knowing that their votes counts and is equal in strength to every other vote.

EVERY VOTE EQUAL

I urge the members of this committee to vote yes in favor of SB-42
Thank you. Ron Ratkovich - 8164 Yarrow St., Arvada, CO 80005