

SB 42

National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

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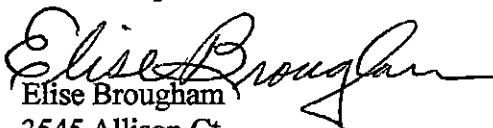
I am speaking in opposition to SB 42 which unbelievably cancels the State of Colorado presidential election results if the state's results are different than the national results. How can anyone who is elected by citizens willingly ignore the election results of their constituents?

The Constitution which is the law of our land did not create a pure democracy but constitutional democracy which among other things created federalism with the separation of powers, judicial review, presidential veto and the Electoral College. This country is a confederation of individual states with sovereign powers, unique qualities, values and agendas. The electoral college is a reminder to candidates that states with lesser population need to have attention paid to them. Why would a presidential candidate ever listen to us with our small popular vote compared to votes in New York or California?

Amending the Constitution requires ratification by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states. Promoters of this National Popular Vote know there are enough small states that do not want to give up their voice, so now this devious plan has been invented to circumvent a serious Constitutional Amendment process which would require the knowledge of ALL citizens and voters. To ignore your own citizens' votes and go with a national total which to this day has no Constitutional or legal standing is unbelievable from legislators who claim my vote is important. Senator Foote, sponsor of SB42, said this bill "is for those who believe every vote should be counted equally." NO, this bill doesn't count every vote equally when an entire states' vote result can be changed.

To quote the Denver Post March 30, 2009 (Yes this fight is not a new one) "In a republic, such as ours, states matter. And small states, such as Colorado, now can have an influence in a presidential Election." As it stands now a 52% vote result in say California is as valued as a 80% result, but if you pass SB 42 and enough other states do too, smaller and mid-sized states in the middle of nowhere will be irrelevant and any concerns or beliefs that don't coincide with the priorities of the LARGEST urban centers and regional corridors will be ignored in the interest of reelection.

You know this can be a problem in our own state with front range versus rural and western slope. As responsible legislators you are supposed to listen to viewpoints not just from your district, but legislate for the betterment of Colorado. How well has this worked in our state since there was a recent movement to secede from the urban ruling class? How well do you think a president will listen to the people who do not count in his or her election? Vote no on SB 42, we should be looking for more checks on power, not less.



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