

## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

## House Concurrent Resolution 6003

Introduced by: Representative Mulally

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the Electoral College.

- 2 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects states as the essential units in
- 3 our compound republic, protecting their power and voice in presidential elections; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the separation and balance of
- 5 power and authority between the States and the federal government; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system creates a needed balance between rural
- 7 and urban interests and ensures that the winning candidate has support from multiple regions
- 8 of the country; and
- 9 <u>WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that each state's electoral votes</u>
- 10 are awarded based on how the State's citizens vote; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system best preserves our constitutional
- 12 separation of powers and prevents the fracture of America's political structure; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers rejected a national popular vote for president and instead
- 14 created the Electoral College; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance of
- 16 individual states in presidential elections, creates the potential for nationwide recounts, and
- 17 opens the door to greater federal control; and
- 18 WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, a state's electoral vote
- 19 could be awarded to a candidate opposed by the majority of our state's citizens; and

1	WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is
2	doubtful because it appears to violate the text of the Compact Clause of the United States
3	Constitution and the intent of the Electoral College clauses:

- 4 <u>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth</u>
- 5 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
- 6 <u>supports the Electoral College and declares the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is</u>
- 7 <u>unconstitutional</u>,