

2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6003

HOUSE ENGROSSED

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	WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that each state's electoral votes				
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				

could be awarded to a candidate opposed by the majority of our state's citizens; and

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1 WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is

- 2 <u>doubtful because it appears to violate the text of the Compact Clause of the United States</u>
- 3 <u>Constitution and the intent of the Electoral College clauses:</u>
- 4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
- 5 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
- 6 supports the Electoral College and believes the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact may
- 7 be unconstitutional.