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I believe the NPV scheme is ultimately unconstitutional. I completely oppose it. If enacted it would totally disenfranchise every single voter in the state. It would do that because it would not matter how the people of Maine voted if our Electoral College votes went to the "winner" of the national aggregate vote (not a national popular vote because there is no such thing). If the people of Maine voted for candidate A in their, legal, Constitutionally mandated election, but the "National Popular Vote" went to candidate B then this would cause Maine's EC votes to be cast for candidate B and NOT for whom the people of Maine voted for. This is wrong. We have individual State elections for a reason. The Electoral College protects the interests of the smaller populated States. If this NPV scheme were enacted then the President would be elected by a few, large population States and regions like New York, California, Illinois, etc. which are all primarily liberal, Democrat run States/cities, and they would control the election every time! Small States like Maine, Montana, Vermont, etc. would no longer have a real choice in electing the President. The EC prevents this by giving weight to smaller States and making it so their EC votes count more than they would in a National vote. It also allows better control over fraud and recounts. It allows us to focus on a particular State if there is a problem and a recount needed. With the NPV a national recount would have to be done which would be costly and very time consuming and hard to determine if/where any fraud may happen.

Please do not let this bill go forward. It's a bad idea for Maine and for the country.