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LD 1356

I'm contacting you in opposition to LD 1356 - An Act to Change the State's Method of Allocating Electoral Votes from a Congressional District Method to a Winner-take-all Method Contingent on the State of Nebraska Changing its Method of Allocating Electoral Votes.

If Maine were to allocate its Electoral College votes by majority rule, it would impact the areas of rural Maine that do not have the population centers of Portland, Bangor, and Lewiston/Auburn. The existing system is in place to allow our vastly rural state to have a say in the Presidential election. This bill has been put forward by legislators from largely urban centers, which in my opinion disenfranchises the voters living in rural areas of our state.

Nebraska and Maine are the only states in the country that award their Electoral College votes by Congressional District. Personally, I wish all states would adopt this method because it better represents the will of the people.

I urge the committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 1356.