

## Testimony of Jon Reisman in support of LD 252, An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee:

My name is Jon Reisman. I am a University of Maine at Machias emeritus professor of economics and public policy. I am also a Cooper Selectman. I was the 1998 GOP 2<sup>nd</sup> CD nominee. I am testifying in strong support of LD 252.

The National Popular Vote Compact is a divisive effort that disenfranchises or threatens to disenfranchise a substantial fraction of Maine's voters.

Had the NPV been effect in 2016 and 2020, it would have disenfranchised every right of center voter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Last year I testified to this committee that I believed the NPV would disenfranchise the right of center voters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> CD if it was in effect for 2024. I was wrong. Had the NPV been in effect in 2024, it would have disenfranchised every left of center voter in the 1<sup>st</sup> CD. I somehow doubt that is what majority had in mind in passing NPV, or what Gov. Mills had in mind when she let it become law without her signature.

I did correctly predict that 2<sup>nd</sup> CD right-of-center voters would not look kindly on efforts to disenfranchise them. I suspect that 1<sup>st</sup> District left-of-center voters will have the same reaction. Please vote ought to pass on LD 252 and work towards a less divided Maine.

Thank you and I'd be glad to answer any questions.