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I support LD 252 and LD1373 to remove Maine from the National Popular Vote interstate compact. The NPV is an effort to bypass the electoral college as instituted in the United States Constitution and the Legislature should never have joined it.

This nation is a union of STATES, with various levels of population. The Electoral College was devised as a way to protect states with smaller populations from the potential for being consistently overpowered, “bullied” if you will, by the more populous states. Without this protection the largest states will always determine what happens in this country and to the remaining states, which is exactly what the Constitution’s authors were trying to prevent.

In addition, to change, circumvent, or remove the Electoral College requires a Constitutional Amendment. I believe that the National Popular Vote movement is an “end run” around this barrier because those who’ve devised it know they would not be able to get a Constitutional Amendment through the process. This attempt undermines all the values of our democratic republic.

Agreeing to join the NPV, or similar proposals, was a betrayal of the rights, and trust, of the people of Maine.

Please stand for our Constitution and the proper process for any change to the electoral structure or process.

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