

**Testimony Opposing LD 252 – Repeal of the National Popular Vote Compact
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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I write today in strong opposition to LD 252, which seeks to withdraw Maine from the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC). This bill represents a step backward in the ongoing effort to ensure every vote cast in a presidential election is counted equally, regardless of where a voter lives. The current Electoral College system distorts the principle of one person, one vote, by giving disproportionate influence to a handful of swing states while sidelining voters in the rest of the country—including many here in Maine.

By remaining in the NPVIC, Maine affirms the democratic ideal that the candidate who receives the most votes nationwide should become President. This is not a partisan issue; it is a matter of fairness and legitimacy in our electoral system. The compact will only take effect once enough states representing 270 electoral votes have joined—ensuring that no state acts alone or prematurely. With 209 electoral votes already secured by 17 states and the District of Columbia, we are within reach of that goal. Maine’s continued participation is critical.

Repealing Maine’s commitment now would undermine both our democratic values and our leadership in electoral reform. The compact offers a constitutional and state-led solution to a long-recognized problem. It empowers states to ensure the presidency reflects the will of the American people—something voters across the political spectrum support. Staying in the compact tells Mainers that their vote matters as much as a vote cast in Michigan, Florida, or Ohio.

I urge you to reject LD 252 and keep Maine on the right side of history. We must continue working toward a more representative and responsive democracy—one in which every vote counts. Thank you for your time, your service to our state, and your consideration of my testimony.