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LD 252

To the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

I usually do not write in support of a bill, I usually am writing to say why I think a bill would be bad for the State of Maine. However, this bill caught my attention and I decided to write in support of LD 252 “An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact” and LD 1373 “An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact.”

Maine has the unique distinction, along with Nebraska, of splitting our four electoral votes during a Presidential election. Two for the state popular vote winner, and one electoral vote each for the popular vote winner in CD 1 and CD 2. I see there is legislation pending to take that away (i.e. LD 1356). Further proof that the current legislature is trying to silence us.

Maine has had a fair and equitable system of distributing our four electoral votes since 1972. This system allows our vastly rural state to have a say in the Presidential election.

I do not appreciate my vote being diminished by other population centers that have in one city, the equal amount of population that Maine has statewide.

This National Popular Vote compact dilutes our state’s say in determining a President, as larger urban population centers will determine a President, and our four electoral votes will be cast accordingly.

We Mainers lose our voice.

I support LD 252 and LD 1373 and they “ought to pass.”

Thank you for your time