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LD 1356

I strongly oppose 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.”

Maine’s current system of allocating electoral votes by congressional district ensures that both CD 1 and CD 2 have an independent voice in presidential elections. This method is fair, equitable, and reflective of the political diversity within our state. CD 1, which is more urban and tends to lean progressive, and CD 2, which is predominantly rural and leans conservative, each deserve meaningful representation.

Since its adoption in 1972, this system has allowed our largely rural state—particularly voters in CD 2—to have a say in the outcome of presidential elections. Under a winner-take-all approach, the voices of rural voters risk being drowned out by the population centers in urban areas.

LD 1356 has been proposed by legislators from primarily urban districts. In my view, this move would effectively disenfranchise rural voters and further widen the gap between different parts of our state.

I urge the committee to reject LD 1356. It ought not to pass.