

Testimony of Jon Reisman in support of LD 1373, **An Act to Repeal 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 2nd CD nominee. I am testifying in strong support of LD 1373.

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 2nd Congressional District. Last year I testified to this committee that I believed the NPV would disenfranchise the right of center voters in the 2nd 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 1st 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 2nd CD right-of-center voters would not look kindly on efforts to disenfranchise them. I suspect that 1st 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 at jreisman@maine.edu