

2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6013

Introduced by: Representative Vasgaard

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the Electoral College, denouncing the
2	National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and inviting interested states to
3	form the Electoral College Interstate Compact.
4	WHEREAS, the current electoral college system respects states as the essential units in
5	our compound republic, protecting their power and voice in presidential elections; and
6	WHEREAS, the current electoral college system respects the separation and balance of
7	power and authority between the states and the federal government; and
8	WHEREAS, the current electoral college system creates a needed balance between rural
9	and urban interests and ensures that the winning candidate has support from multiple regions
10	of the country; and
11	WHEREAS, the current electoral college system ensures that each state's electoral votes
12	are awarded based on how the state's citizens vote; and
13	WHEREAS, the current electoral college system best preserves our constitutional
14	separation of powers and prevents the fracture of America's political structure; and
15	WHEREAS, the founding fathers rejected a national popular vote for president and instead
16	created the Electoral College; and
17	WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance of
18	individual states in presidential elections, creates the potential for nationwide recounts, and
19	opens the door to greater federal control; and
20	WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, a state's electoral vote
21	could be awarded to a candidate opposed by the majority of our state's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is
 doubtful because it appears to violate the text of the Compact Clause of the United States
 Constitution and the intent of the electoral college clauses;

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One
 Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
 Legislature supports the Electoral College and believes the National Popular Vote Interstate
 Compact may be unconstitutional; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature invites all other interested states to form
 an Electoral College Interstate Compact to prohibit electors from participating states from
 casting the elector's vote in accordance with the national popular vote count and require the
 participating states to legally challenge the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote
 Interstate Compact; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Legislature proposes forming the Electoral College

 Interstate Compact when four other states declare their intent to form the Electoral College

 Interstate Compact, at which time the interested states shall take appropriate steps to

 organize and form the compact; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of state forward copies of this resolution to
 the secretaries of state and majority and minority leaders in each legislative chamber in the
 states of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas,
 Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New
 Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee,
- 22 Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.