

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Introduced by: Senators Bolin, Jensen (Phil), Klumb, Kolbeck, Monroe, Nelson, Solano, Stalzer, and Wiik and Representatives Latterell, Brunner, Campbell, Dennert, Glanzer, Greenfield (Lana), Haugaard, Heinemann, Holmes, Jamison, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Kaiser, Lust, Marty, McPherson, Mills, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Rasmussen, Rounds, Schaefer, Steinhauer, and Willadsen

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the electoral college system.

2 WHEREAS, the electoral college was established as an essential part of the United States  
3 Constitution in 1787; and

4 WHEREAS, the electoral college was adopted as part of a compromise agreement at the  
5 constitutional convention, held in Philadelphia, as to how the president of the United States  
6 would be elected; and

7 WHEREAS, the electoral college system benefits states small in population like South  
8 Dakota, since mathematically the votes of South Dakota citizens, when choosing electors, are  
9 weighted as greater than the voting citizens of large states like Texas, California, and New York  
10 when selecting electors; and

11 WHEREAS, in recent years, efforts have been made to eliminate the electoral college by  
12 seeking to persuade states to mandate that electors may only vote for the winner of the popular  
13 vote nationally:



1       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Second Legislature  
2 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
3 Dakota Legislature does hereby fully support the electoral college system as adopted by the  
4 founders of the United States, and furthermore urges all other states, especially those in the  
5 Midwest, to reject any effort to formally or informally abolish the electoral college system of  
6 electing our president.