

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the electoral college system.

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

January 24, 2017
January 26, 2017

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