

2020 South Dakota Legislature
House Concurrent Resolution 6003

AMENDMENT HCR6003A FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the Electoral College.**

2 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects states as the essential units in
3 our compound republic, protecting their power and voice in presidential elections; and

4 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the separation and balance of
5 power and authority between the States and the federal government; and

6 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system creates a needed balance between rural
7 and urban interests and ensures that the winning candidate has support from multiple regions
8 of the country; and

9 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that each state's electoral votes
10 are awarded based on how the State's citizens vote; and

11 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system best preserves our constitutional
12 separation of powers and prevents the fracture of America's political structure; and

13 WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers rejected a national popular vote for president and instead
14 created the Electoral College; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance of
16 individual states in presidential elections, creates the potential for nationwide recounts, and
17 opens the door to greater federal control; and

18 WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, a state's electoral vote
19 could be awarded to a candidate opposed by the majority of our state's citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, the constitutionality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is
21 doubtful because it appears to violate the text of the Compact Clause of the United States
22 Constitution and the intent of the Electoral College clauses:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Fifth
2 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
3 supports the Electoral College and ~~declares-believes~~ the National Popular Vote Interstate
4 Compact ~~is-may be~~ unconstitutional.