

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2001

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Introduced by: Senators Madden, Albers, Apa, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Daugaard, Diedrich (Larry), Diedrich (Elmer), Drake, Everist, Greenfield, Hainje, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Koetzle, Koskan, McCracken, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Sutton (Dan), Vitter, and Whiting and Representatives Eccarius, Abdallah, Bartling, Begalka, Broderick, Brown (Jarvis), Burg, Clark, Davis, Duenwald, Duniphan, Flowers, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Hansen (Tom), Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Holbeck, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jensen, Juhnke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Konold, Kooistra, Lintz, Madsen, McCoy, Monroe, Murschel, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Pitts, Pummel, Rhoden, Sebert, Sigdestad, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Duane), Van Etten, Van Gerpen, and Wick

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for the electoral college.

2 WHEREAS, the United States of America, being framed a constitutional republic by the
3 thirteen original independent states, conducts its government under the authority of a
4 constitution and bill of rights; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution separates government powers into a Congress
6 composed of a Senate and House of Representatives, a Supreme Court, a President, and the
7 independent states which together make up the United States of America; and

8 WHEREAS, Article II of the Constitution establishes that, in all presidential elections, each
9 state's vote for President is recognized through the state's electors, who cast their vote for the
10 candidate winning the state's popular vote; and

1 WHEREAS, this constitutional system of electing the President has been successful for over
2 two hundred years; and

3 WHEREAS, many, based on the 2000 presidential election in which one candidate won the
4 popular vote and the other won the electoral college vote as a reason, are calling for a
5 constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college, replacing it with a simple majority vote
6 of the total United States population, states' boundaries and rights being disregarded; and

7 WHEREAS, such a system would essentially disenfranchise the vote of small and rural states
8 and also serve to disestablish the constitutional republic as it has existed since its framing:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-sixth Legislature
10 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the State
11 of South Dakota opposes any effort to amend the United States Constitution to abolish the
12 electoral college system which has served the states and nation so very well since the
13 establishment of the Constitution; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in all presidential elections, the South Dakota
15 presidential electors shall vote only for the presidential candidate who wins the state's popular
16 vote.