

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Expressing support for the electoral college.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 16, 2001  
February 23, 2001

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Carole Hillard  
President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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