

## Senate Resolution 319

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Brass of the 28th, Hatchett of the 50th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the President of  
2 the United States; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers rejected having the President of the United States be  
4 elected by a national popular vote and instead chose the Electoral College system; and

5 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system encourages presidential candidates to  
6 campaign in large metropolitan areas as well as in rural areas and small states; and

7 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that the winning presidential  
8 candidate has support from multiple regions of the country; and

9 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the Founding Fathers' strong  
10 belief that individual states should have a vital role in electing the President of the United  
11 States; and

12 WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact diminishes the importance of  
13 individual states in presidential elections; and

14 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system respects the separation and balance of  
15 power and authority between the state governments and the federal government; and

16 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system ensures that Georgia's electoral votes are  
17 awarded based on how the majority of the state's electors voted; and

18 WHEREAS, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, Georgia's electoral votes  
19 may be awarded to a candidate for whom the majority of the state's electors did not vote; and

20 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system is better suited to address recounts because  
21 they occur at the state level and are thus more manageable than if recounts were to occur at  
22 the national level as may be the case pursuant to the National Popular Vote Interstate  
23 Compact, if adopted; and

24 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system creates a necessary balance between  
25 agrarian and industrial interests; and

26 WHEREAS, the current Electoral College system best preserves our two-party system and  
27 prevents the fracture of the nation's political structure; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has rejected over 1,000 amendments to the United  
29 States Constitution to change the Electoral College system, including amendments to  
30 implement a popular vote system; and

31 WHEREAS, the legality of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is questionable  
32 because Article I, Section X of the United States Constitution sets forth that no state, without

33 the consent of the United States Congress, may "enter into any Agreement or Compact with  
34 another State."

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
36 recognize the current Electoral College system as the best way to elect the President of the  
37 United States.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Georgia shall defeat any legislation that  
39 creates a multi-state compact for the purpose of dismantling the current Electoral College  
40 system.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
42 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
43 press.