## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

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INTRODUCED BY RABB, CABELL, BOYD, FLICK, FRANKEL AND MAYES, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

## AN ACT

- 1 Authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the
- 2 Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National
- Popular Vote; and providing for the form of the agreement.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Short title.
- 7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Agreement
- 8 Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote
- 9 Act.
- 10 Section 2. Text of agreement.
- 11 The Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by
- 12 National Popular Vote is enacted into law and entered into with
- 13 all other signatory jurisdictions in substantially the following
- 14 form:
- 15 ARTICLE I
- 16 MEMBERSHIP
- 17 Any state of the United States and the District of Columbia
- 18 may become a member of this agreement by enacting this

1 agreement.
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- ARTICLE II
- RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE IN MEMBER STATES TO VOTE
- 4 FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
- 5 Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election
- 6 for President and Vice President of the United States.
- 7 ARTICLE III
- 8 MANNER OF APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL
- 9 ELECTORS IN MEMBER STATES
- 10 Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by
- 11 the presidential electors, the chief election official of each
- 12 member state shall determine the number of votes for each
- 13 presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the
- 14 District of Columbia in which votes have been cast in a
- 15 statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to
- 16 produce a national popular vote total for each presidential
- 17 slate.
- 18 The chief election official of each member state shall
- 19 designate the presidential slate with the largest national
- 20 popular vote total as the national popular vote winner.
- 21 The presidential elector certifying official of each member
- 22 state shall certify the appointment in that official's own state
- 23 of the elector slate nominated in that state in association with
- 24 the national popular vote winner.
- 25 At least six days before the day fixed by law for the meeting
- 26 and voting by the presidential electors, each member state shall
- 27 make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast
- 28 in the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate
- 29 an official statement of such determination within 24 hours to
- 30 the chief election official of each other member state.

- 1 The chief election official of each member state shall treat
- 2 as conclusive an official statement containing the number of
- 3 popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by the
- 4 day established by Federal law for making a state's final
- 5 determination conclusive as to the counting of electoral votes
- 6 by Congress.
- 7 In event of a tie for the national popular vote winner, the
- 8 presidential elector certifying official of each member state
- 9 shall certify the appointment of the elector slate nominated in
- 10 association with the presidential slate receiving the largest
- 11 number of popular votes within that official's own state.
- 12 If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors
- 13 nominated in a member state in association with the national
- 14 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's
- 15 number of electoral votes, the presidential candidate on the
- 16 presidential slate that has been designated as the national
- 17 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the
- 18 presidential electors for that state and that state's
- 19 presidential elector certifying official shall certify the
- 20 appointment of such nominees.
- 21 The chief election official of each member state shall
- 22 immediately release to the public all vote counts or statements
- 23 of votes as they are determined or obtained.
- 24 This article shall govern the appointment of presidential
- 25 electors in each member state in any year in which this
- 26 agreement is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively
- 27 possessing a majority of the electoral votes.
- 28 ARTICLE IV
- 29 OTHER PROVISIONS
- This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively

- 1 possessing a majority of the electoral votes have enacted this
- 2 agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments by
- 3 such states have taken effect in each state.
- 4 Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except
- 5 that a withdrawal occurring six months or less before the end of
- 6 a President's term shall not become effective until a President
- 7 or Vice President shall have been qualified to serve the next
- 8 term.
- 9 The chief executive of each member state shall promptly
- 10 notify the chief executive of all other states when this
- 11 agreement has been enacted and has taken effect in that
- 12 official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this
- 13 agreement and when this agreement takes effect generally.
- 14 This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is
- 15 abolished.
- 16 If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the
- 17 remaining provisions shall not be affected.
- 18 ARTICLE V
- 19 DEFINITIONS
- 20 For purposes of this agreement,
- 21 "Chief election official" shall mean the state official or
- 22 body that is authorized to certify the total number of popular
- 23 votes for each presidential slate;
- "Chief executive" shall mean the Governor of a state of the
- 25 United States or the Mayor of the District of Columbia;
- 26 "Elector slate" shall mean a slate of candidates who have
- 27 been nominated in a state for the position of presidential
- 28 elector in association with a presidential slate;
- "Presidential elector" shall mean an elector for President
- 30 and Vice President of the United States;

- 1 "Presidential elector certifying official" shall mean the
- 2 state official or body that is authorized to certify the
- 3 appointment of the state's presidential electors;
- 4 "Presidential slate" shall mean a slate of two persons, the
- 5 first of whom has been nominated as a candidate for President of
- 6 the United States and the second of whom has been nominated as a
- 7 candidate for Vice President of the United States, or any legal
- 8 successors to such persons, regardless of whether both names
- 9 appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular
- 10 state;
- "State" shall mean a state of the United States and the
- 12 District of Columbia; and
- "Statewide popular election" shall mean a general election in
- 14 which votes are cast for presidential slates by individual
- 15 voters and counted on a statewide basis.
- 16 Section 3. Publication in Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 17 In the event that the Agreement Among the States to Elect the
- 18 President by National Popular Vote takes effect according to
- 19 Article IV, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit the
- 20 agreement to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication as
- 21 a notice in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
- 22 Bulletin. The notice shall include the date that the agreement
- 23 became effective between the Commonwealth and any other states.
- 24 Section 4. Effective date.
- 25 This act shall take effect immediately.