

HB 497 -- NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE ACT

SPONSOR: Dunn

Currently, electors to the Electoral College typically favor the presidential candidate receiving the majority of their state's popular vote for president. This bill authorizes Missouri to enter into the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote Act. The compact requires the chief election official of each member state to designate electors to the Electoral College who will vote for the presidential slate receiving a majority of the votes cast nationwide. Methods for ensuring the accuracy of the national popular vote are specified.

The compact will take effect on July 20 of the year in which it becomes effective in those states or districts that have a majority of electoral votes in the Electoral College. The compact allows any state to withdraw by a simple repeal of the enacting statute; however, a state cannot withdraw from the compact during the six months preceding a presidential election. If the Electoral College is abolished, the compact will terminate.

This bill is similar to HB 2048 (2016).