



National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
Support [SB1101](#) (Ebbin) and [HB1933](#) (Levine)



Executive Summary. **SB1101** and **HB1933** would add Virginia to the list of **16 states** that are already members of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Without amending the US Constitution, the Compact is the only way to ensure the US President will be elected by the popular vote of all voters.

Issue. The goal of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is to ensure that every vote matters in presidential elections, so all voters have a fairly equal voice in the election.

*Joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact will
restore power to the voters, instead of disenfranchising millions.*

What is the Compact?

- The Compact will guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most people's votes across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- The Compact is a **state-based approach** that **preserves the Electoral College, state control of elections, and the power of the states** to control how the President is elected, without having to amend the US Constitution.
- **16 jurisdictions** with 196 electoral votes have already joined the Compact, including 4 small states (DE, HI, RI, VT), 8 medium-sized states (CO, CT, MD, MA, NJ, NM, OR, WA), 3 big states (CA, IL, NY), and the District of Columbia. The bill will take effect when states that collectively have 74 electoral votes enact it. A state may choose to withdraw from the compact.
- The Constitution supports the Compact, by allowing a state the flexibility to award all of its electoral votes to the candidate receiving the most popular votes in the nation.

How Will the Compact Work?

- The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact will go into effect when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes—that is, enough to elect a President (270 of 538).
- Virginia, if added to the Compact, will award its 13 electoral votes to the candidate who receives the most votes across all 50 states and DC, regardless of which candidate wins Virginia.