Electoral College Politics: National Popular Vote (And More)
# Elections Summit Agenda

## Wednesday, August 10th

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<td>Weighing Changes to Redistricting, Primaries and Vote Counting—An Open Forum (Breakfast Served)</td>
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<td>Redistricting Work Session</td>
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<td>Issue Session: Politics 2016—State Election Preview</td>
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<td>General Session Luncheon: Election 2016—Insight and Analysis</td>
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Did You Know?

- The term, “Electoral College,” does not show up anywhere in the U.S. Constitution.
- The constitution does not say how states must select their Electors.
48 states use winner-take-all
2 use the Congressional district method (Nebraska & Maine)
Nebraska came close to switching away from the Congressional system and to winner-take-all this year (the governor vetoed the bill).
Did You Know?

- In the U.S. we don’t vote directly for the president—we vote for Electors from our states, and they officially vote for the president.

- In some states, those Electors are bound to vote for the state’s choice; in others, “faithless electors” can make their own decision.
Did You Know?

- There are currently 538 electors in the Electoral College, with each state having the same number of electors as their Congressional delegation.
  - The candidate who wins the votes of over half of those electors—270 or more—becomes President.
“National Popular Vote” refers to an idea to change how Electors are determined.

States that participate in the proposed NPV interstate compact pledge to send their Electors to vote for the overall national winner, not necessarily the candidate who won in their state.
Did You Know?

- For NPV to take effect, states representing at least 270 electoral votes need to sign the compact.
  - Ten states & DC have joined: CA, NY, RI, VT, WA, NJ, MA, IL, HI, MD & DC
  - These states represent 165 electoral votes (61% of the needed total)
Did You Know?

- In 2016, 22 bills in 14 states were introduced to consider national popular vote
Did You Know?

The Electoral College—why we have it and how it works—is the number one topic NCSL staff get asked about when abroad.
Did You Know?

Next year’s NCSL Legislative Summit will be held in Boston, Massachusetts Aug. 7-10
Analysis on the election from the state perspective

Nov. 14, 2016, 1-5 p.m.
National Press Club Club
Washington, D.C.

www.ncsl.org/statevote
Did You Know?

► All presentations and resources from this session can be found on NCSL’s Legislative Summit Resources webpage