

**Make every person's vote count!
Support SF 585/ HF 799, the National Popular Vote**

Summary:

- **SF 585 / HF 799** would change how Minnesota awards our electoral votes by pledging to award our electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote. This legislation would accomplish this by entering Minnesota into an interstate agreement to award their electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote in all 50 states. Currently, 9 other states (for a total of 132 electoral votes) have passed similar legislation.

The issues:

- **Eliminate Battleground States**
 - Presidential candidates channel far more campaign resources into Battleground States while virtually ignoring perceived "safe" states such as Minnesota.
- **The Electoral College does not work**
 - Four times in our history, the electors have chosen the candidate who actually placed second in the popular vote.
- **Americans want all votes to be of equal value**
 - Over **70%** of Americans support doing away with the Electoral College in favor of a national popular vote.

Ensure your vote matters- Under the Electoral College system, not all votes are of equal value but are instead proportional to the number of representative in Congress a state is afforded. This means that determining the value of an individual vote is left to the political process rather than simply keeping all votes equal. **Four times in our history, the electors have chosen the candidate who actually placed second in the popular vote.**

The National Popular Vote plan abolishes the inherently unfair and undemocratic Electoral College system. America is weakened when our president lacks the support of the majority of our citizens. And the idea that some voters count more than others, a central tenant of the Electoral College system, undermines the principle of one-person, one-vote that our democracy is based upon.

The winner should win- The candidate who gets the most votes in your state, even if it's just barely the most, generally gets all the electors from that state. This state-by-state method for choosing presidential electors divides the country into so-called "safe" states, where voters are all but ignored, while the election is determined by a relatively small number of swing voters in "battleground" states. **SF 585/ HF 799** would adopt National Popular Vote and ensure that all Minnesotans have an equal voice in national elections.

