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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

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AN ACT Relating to the selection and casting of presidential electoral votes; amending RCW 29A.56.320; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 29A.56.300.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The people of Washington find that:

(1) Washington state's "winner-take-all" electoral college selection process is not representative of the votes cast for the offices of president and vice president of the United States by the citizens of this state.

(2) RCW 29A.56.300 requires distribution of electors as determined by a national popular vote, regardless of the will or intent of the voters of Washington state.

(3) The selection of presidential electors should ensure equal representation in accordance with the intent of the people of the districts of the state.

(4) Congressional districts are established by the result of census to ensure equal representation under the law.

(5) A representative distribution of presidential electors across the congressional districts best represents the intent and will of the voters of this state.

Sec. 2. RCW 29A.56.320 and 2013 c 11 s 56 are each amended to read as follows:

In the year in which a presidential election is held, each major political party and each minor political party or independent candidate convention that nominates candidates for president and vice president of the United States shall nominate one representative from each congressional district and two representatives at large as presidential electors for this state. The party or convention shall file with the secretary of state a certificate signed by the presiding officer of the convention at which the presidential electors were chosen, listing the names ~~((and)),~~ addresses, congressional district, and at large status of the presidential electors. Each presidential elector shall execute and file with the secretary of state a pledge that, as an elector, he or she will vote for the candidates nominated by that party. The names of presidential electors shall not appear on the ballots. The votes cast for candidates for president and vice president of each political party shall be counted for the candidates for presidential electors of that political party ~~((; however, if the interstate compact entitled the "agreement among the states to elect the president by national popular vote," as set forth in RCW 29A.56.300, governs the appointment of the presidential electors for a presidential election as provided in clause 9 of Article III of that compact, then the final appointment of presidential electors for that presidential election shall be in accordance with that compact))~~ as represented by the enumeration of the votes within the respective congressional districts, and at large as the summation of the votes cast and counted for this state.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 29A.56.300 (States' agreement—
Presidential election—National popular vote) and 2009 c 264 s 2 are
each repealed.

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