

YES on 113 National Popular Vote!

During the 2019 legislative session the Colorado legislature passed, and Governor Polis signed the National Popular Vote bill. Colorado joined with 14 other states and the District of Columbia possessing 196 electoral votes in passing the National Popular Vote bill. The National Popular Vote guarantees the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states. The National Popular Vote law will go into effect when enacted by states possessing a majority of the presidential electors—that is, 270 of 538. All the electoral votes from those states will then be awarded to the candidate receiving the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This November, Coloradans will be asked on their general election ballots to affirm the decision of the Legislature and the Governor to join the National Popular Vote agreement. Voting YES on Proposition 113 will keep the National Popular Vote in place in Colorado and confirm our state believes in the concept of one person, one vote.

How the National Popular Vote Improves Our Democracy

The National Popular Vote reforms the Electoral College by fixing the shortcomings of the current state-by-state winner-take-all system of awarding electoral college votes. Here's how the National Popular Vote would change the way we elect our President:

1. **The candidate with the most popular votes in all 50 states and D.C. will win the election - period.**

Five out of our forty-five presidents have taken office after losing the national popular vote, most recently in 2000 and 2016. The National Popular Vote will make sure that never happens again. Presidential candidates will have to earn the votes of the majority of Americans, including traditionally marginalized and ignored communities, in order to win.

2. **One person will always equal one vote no matter where that voter lives, and every vote will matter.**

Every voter, whether that person lives in a rural, urban, or suburban area in a majority Republican or majority Democratic state, will matter under the National Popular Vote. Our current system for electing the president is broken because it makes some people's vote count more than others. In America, every voter deserves to be treated equally, no matter what state they live in or what political party they belong to. Voting YES will ensure that one person equals one vote everywhere.

3. **Presidential candidates will appeal to voters in every state, not just on the handful of closely divided states they think will decide the election.**

In 2016, presidential candidates ignored everyone who lived in 40 out of the 50 states because they only focused on voters in closely divided "swing" or "battleground" states.

In 2020 there are only 6-8 swing states (grey on the map) and Colorado is not one of them. Presidential campaigns will have to speak to voters across the country and campaign everywhere to win a majority under a National Popular Vote.

