

Ten states and the District of Columbia have passed National Popular Vote Interstate Compact legislation. Those states, with their number of Electoral Votes listed in parenthesis, are:

California (55), Hawaii (4), Illinois (21), Maryland (10), Massachusetts (12), New Jersey (15), New York (29), Rhode Island (4), Vermont (3), Washington (11), and Washington, District of Columbia (3).

These states collectively have 165 Electoral Votes.

In order for the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to take effect, there must be at least 270 Electoral Votes (the number it takes to win the Presidency) pledged to the Compact. That means that before the aforementioned states will pledge their Electors to the winner of the national popular vote in a Presidential Election, some combination of states that collectively possess a total of at least 105 Electoral Votes *must* pass NPVIC legislation in their state houses in order for the Compact to take effect.

For example, if the state governments of Colorado (9), Florida (29), Michigan (16), Nevada (5), New Hampshire (4), North Carolina (15), Oregon (7), and Pennsylvania (20), all passed NPVIC legislation, then the Compact's threshold of 270 votes would be reached, allowing it to take effect in all member states.

Two states currently have active bills on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact: Michigan ([SB 88](#)) and Pennsylvania ([HB 1542](#)).

If you reside in one of these states, you should be sure to cite these specific bills when contacting your representative.

There are a number of other states where [bills have been introduced](#) but ultimately died.

To find out who your representatives are, on both the state and federal level, you can visit [Common Cause](#). In addition to contact info and links to your representatives' websites, you can also see bills they've sponsored, committees on which they serve, and their political contributors.

When using the NPVIC Letter Template, be sure to include your full home address to verify your constituency in your representative's district. Many government representatives have contact forms on their websites for submitting email communication. In that case, you won't need to include formal headings on your letter and can just use the body of the letter template in your message.

Don't forget to edit the letter to make it specific to your state!

If you'd like to read more about the Electoral College, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, or the results of the 2016 election, I've included links to a selection of articles on the following page.

Helpful Links:

[What is the Electoral College? How It Works and Why It Matters](#) (*The Huffington Post*)

[Founding Fathers Distrusted Popular Vote to Pick a President](#) (*The New York Times*)

[What is the National Popular Vote Plan?](#) (*FairVote*)

[Ditch the Electoral College? Yes we can](#) (*The Baltimore Sun*)

[National Popular Vote: New York State Climbs Aboard](#) (*The New Yorker*)

[The Electoral College is an Instrument of White Supremacy - and Sexism](#) (*Slate*)

[Five Myths About the Electoral College](#) (*The Washington Post*)

[Hillary Clinton's Popular Vote Victory is Unprecedented - and Still Growing](#) (*The Nation*)