



Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Kerr A.

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TITLE: CONCERNING ADOPTION OF AN AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

Summary of Legislation

The bill enters Colorado into an agreement with other states to cast presidential electoral votes for the winner of the national popular vote. Election officials from each participating state are to determine a national popular vote winner based on votes cast in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and are required to certify the slate of electors belonging to the winner of the national popular vote. The agreement takes effect when a group of states possessing a majority of the votes in the Electoral College have enacted the agreement.

The bill is effective upon signature of the Governor or becoming law without his signature.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. The Secretary of State is currently responsible for certifying presidential electors and this bill does not increase workload for this responsibility.

If the national popular vote is extremely close, such an agreement could increase the likelihood of a statewide recount in Colorado and other participating states, even if the vote count in a particular state is not close. The cost of any recount would be incurred by the counties. However, the likelihood of a recount is still considered minimal.

Departments Contacted

State