



## Oppose Virginia “National Popular Vote” Bills HB 965 and SB 322

**URGENT:** Both the Virginia House and Senate have passed their respective “National Popular Vote” bills. If either bill passes one more chamber, they will be fully enacted. **Contact your state legislators, and urge them to oppose these dangerous bills.**

Members of the Virginia General Assembly are seeking to pass bills implementing the unconstitutional “National Popular Vote” in their state.

House Bill 965 ([HB 965](#)) and Senate Bill 322 ([SB 322](#)) would enter Virginia into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC).

The NPVIC is an interstate agreement intended to subvert the [Electoral College](#), which is established in [Article II, Section 1](#), of the U.S. Constitution. Rather than awarding electors based on the winner of each individual state’s popular vote, the NPVIC seeks to award the electors of the states that belong to the compact to whichever candidate wins the national popular vote.

Under the agreement, the NPVIC would only go into effect when the total number of member states’ electoral votes reaches 270 — the minimum needed for an individual to be elected president. Currently, the NPVIC’s members account for 209 electoral votes, and Virginia’s potential entry would add another 13. **This compact is dangerously close to becoming reality.**

The NPVIC must be opposed as it is unconstitutional and an [assault](#) on the Electoral College and, more broadly, our federalist and republican form of government.

**Implementation of the NPVIC would subvert both the Electoral College and our federalist system of government.** Contrary to what many leftists and self-described “conservatives” claim, the United States is [not a democracy](#), nor did the Founding Fathers want it to be so.

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Counter-majoritarian institutions like the Electoral College, in addition to the U.S. Senate and Bill of Rights, illustrate this fact. They exist both to protect limited government and individual rights from the “tyranny of the majority” and also to [preserve the sovereignty](#) of both small and large states.

***Abolishing the Electoral College is part of the [push](#) to turn the United States into a democracy and a unitary state – and, by extension, purge it of its national sovereignty, identity, and constitutionally protected liberties.*** By causing presidential elections to be decided based on the national popular vote without any regard for individual state preferences, the NPVIC would effectively accomplish all of the purposes listed in the previous sentence without actually amending the Constitution. This is why it is such a dangerous idea at odds with the Constitution and the Founders’ vision and underscores the need to oppose HB 965 and SB 322.

***Urge your state legislators to reject the unconstitutional and subversive NPVIC by opposing HB 965 and SB 322.***