Koleszar Introduces National Popular Vote Bill

Lawmaker hopes bill will garner widespread bipartisan support

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 28, 2021 — Today, state Rep. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth) introduced legislation to ensure the candidate with the most votes in all 50 states becomes president.

"Michiganders must be assured that their voices are heard equally, and a national popular vote ensures one person, one vote," said Koleszar, Democratic vice chair of the House Elections and Ethics Committee.

If passed, House Bill 5343 would make Michigan the 16th state to enact NPV legislation.

“I hope we can all agree that the candidate with the most votes nationwide should be elected, and this bill moves our country closer to a national popular vote for president,” said Koleszar. “I urge my colleagues in the House to support this long overdue reform and embrace the concept of one person, one vote for president.”

The National Popular Vote Compact will take effect when adopted by states representing at least 270 of the electoral votes needed to win the presidency. States would then start awarding their electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote. Michigan’s approval would bring the total to 210 electoral votes.

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