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THE LOUISIANA REPUBLICAN DELEGATION OPPOSES HB 927

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA —The Louisiana Republican Delegation opposes HB 927 by Rep. Juan LaFonta and others.

The Delegation is prepared to fight to uphold the Electoral College and the votes of our Louisiana citizens. This bill would require Louisiana to enter into an interstate compact entitled the "Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote." Such a compact could have grave ramifications on the effectiveness of our constituents' votes during presidential elections.

We need to keep the Electoral College in tact to preserve the votes of the smaller populated states like Louisiana. The Electoral College allows for the full representation of all states, not just urban regions and heavily populated states. HB 927 would force Louisiana to enter into an arrangement; whereby, "the presidential electors of each member state are allocated to the national popular vote winner." This ultimately would force Louisiana electors to vote for a candidate not necessarily chosen by the Louisiana voters during the presidential election.

HB 927 is an obvious attempt to circumvent the United States Constitution. Passage of this bill will only undermine the votes of Louisiana citizens, discourage voter participation and squander taxpayers' dollars in lengthy court battles.

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