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Groups applaud MI committee vote advancing National Popular Vote

LANSING, Mich. – Groups backing Michigan’s support of the National Popular Vote applauded lawmakers on the House Elections Committee for passing the bill today, sending it to the full Michigan House for consideration.

A broad coalition, [including key pro-democracy groups and several Michigan Republicans](#), supports enactment of National Popular Vote.

“Voters in the last election sent a clear message rejecting the undermining of our elections and the weakening of our democracy,” said **Nancy Wang**, executive director of **Voters Not Politicians**. “Enacting National Popular Vote in Michigan is the logical next step for those who want to protect our democracy and ensure that the candidate with the most votes is elected president. Today’s affirmative vote in the House Elections Committee represents an important step in adding Michigan as the 16th state to pass a National Popular Vote bill.”

Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have passed National Popular Vote into law, representing 205 of the 270 electoral votes needed to allow it to take effect. Michigan’s 15 electoral votes would add to the 270 needed to make the National Popular Vote take effect. Eleven other states are currently considering National Popular Vote legislation.

“Since the early 1970s, the national League of Women Voters has taken a position that direct election of the president by popular vote is essential to representative government,” said **Christina Schlitt** and **Paula Bowman**, co-presidents of the **League of Women Voters of Michigan**. “That is why we continue to advocate for Michigan to join the National Popular Vote movement by passing this important bill. We want to thank the House Elections Committee for quickly acting on this and hope to see a swift vote in the full Michigan House.”

National Popular Vote has also been introduced in the Michigan Senate (Senate Bill 126).

“Our mama’s agenda depends on a functional democracy and transparency in our elections,” said **Courtney Blake Sims**, political organizer for **Mothering Justice**. “We stand in support of the members who voted for the National Popular Vote today in committee because it provides a solution to fix our current broken system and how we can improve the lives of our mamas, caregivers and all voters here in Michigan.”

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