Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 5, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Election Law to which was referred HB 370,

AN ACT relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Peter Torosian

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Election Law**
Bill Number:	**HB 370**
Title:	**relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.**
Date:	**March 5, 2021**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would change the current process in New Hampshire whereby all electoral votes are awarded to the candidate that receives the greatest number of popular votes in the state and replace it with a process designating the electors of the party who received a plurality of votes in the five New Hampshire Executive Council districts as electors. If no party that wins a plurality of Executive Council districts, the New Hampshire Senate would designate the electors of the President and Vice President of the United States. While this bill presents an interesting idea that could have some merit in the future, it is unclear what issue it is trying to address and could face legal challenges as it changes the entire process for how each individual vote would be counted in regard to determining the outcome of presidential elections. There was no information presented on what other states might employ a similar process and how that would work. The committee agreed that there were multiple reasons that the bill was not appropriate at this time.

Vote 20-0.

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Election Law

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To: Miriam Simmons
Cc: Peter Torosian; Bgriffinlo
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Response requested: No
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
Calendar p 151 and 370.docx

Miriam

Here are two more

Thank you Peter

Barbara

Calendar HB 370

HB-370: ITL Vote 20/0 On Consent Calendar.

This bill proposes legislation that would change the current designation of electors to the electoral and replace it with electors designated by the party who received a plurality of votes of New Hampshire Executive Council districts. With no plurality of Executive Council districts, the New Hampshire Senate would designate the electors of the president and vice president of the United States. While bill was an interesting idea that could have some merit in the future, it is unclear what issue it is trying to address and could face legal challenges as it changes the entire process for how each individual vote would be counted in regard to determining the outcome of presidential elections. There was no information presented on what other States might employ a similar process and how that would work. The Committee agreed that there were multiple reasons that the bill was not appropriate at this time.

Submitted for the committee – Rep Torosian

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 370

BILL TITLE: relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.

DATE: March 5, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote / Hybrid

MOTIONS: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

Moved by Rep. Torosian Seconded by Rep. Cote Vote: 20-0

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 370

BILL TITLE: Relative to Electors of the Pres + V.P.

DATE: 3/5/21

LOB ROOM: 302

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☒ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Peter Torosian Seconded by Rep. Rep David Cote Vote: 20:0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

☐ OTP ☐ OTP/A ☐ ITL ☐ Retain (1st year) ☐ Adoption of Amendment # _____ *(if offered)*

☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

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☐ Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Respectfully submitted: _____

Rep Natalie Wells, Clerk

1/21/2021 9:37:57 AM
Roll Call Committee Registers Report

2021 SESSION

Election Law

Bill #: HB370 **Motion:** ITL **AM #:** _____ **Exec Session Date:** 3-5-21

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
Griffin, Barbara J. Chairman	✓		
MacDonald, Wayne D. Vice Chairman	✓		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine J.	✓		
Sweeney, Joe	✓		
Hayward, Peter T.	✓		
Mooney, Maureen C.	✓		
Torosian, Peter E.	✓		
Berry, Ross	✓		
Groen, Fenton	✓		
Qualey, James R.	✓		
Wells, Natalie J. Clerk	✓		
Cote, David E.	✓		
Ward, Gerald W.R.	✓		
Bergeron, Paul R.	✓		
Sandler, Catt	✓		
Hamer, Heidi M.	✓		
Lane, Connie B.	✓		
Freitas, Mary C.	✓		
Hamblet, Joan L.	✓		
Muirhead, Russell	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	20	—	

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 370

BILL TITLE: **relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.**

DATE: **February 17, 2021**

LOB ROOM: **LOB Hybrid** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **11:30 a.m.**

Time Adjourned: **11:55 a.m.**

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Mooney, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Belanger **Rep. Ankarberg** **Rep. Abramson**
Rep. Yokela

TESTIMONY

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Opened 11:30 am / closed 11:55 a.m.

Representative Cody Belanger: bill sponsor; This bill does not split electoral votes, similar to SB43. NH 1st in the nation are one of few states who do not have a Lt. Governor, uniquely has an Executive Council. Testimony given.

Question: Chairman Griffin – What about an Amendment?
Answer: I don't know exactly, An unapproved amendment came thru last night.
.. but it would completely rewrite this bill, and I do not support this amendment.

Comment: Representative Josh Yokela, Rockingham 33. I am a cosponsor, and I'm glad to support this bill. I was briefed by Representative Abramson, changed the method of breaking up electoral vote. I think that type of amendment changes the whole purpose of this bill. Electoral college and protections of electoral college, concerns of security of our elections.

Question: Representative Lane: I'm interested to know by Executive Council, more represent than current?
Answer: Current places in NH, like the Seacoast, up North may have different priorities, i.e., **fishing**, trade between Canada, whereas Nashua concerned with Boston and tech issues. When you allow each section to have a voice, instead of being overwhelmed, the North not being heard vs Nashua.
Question: Representative Russell Muirhead: Curious, your proposal makes it possible a President would be able to win, but not votes at large?
Answer: Yes possible, but each district is meant to be divided up equally by population, but it doesn't mean peoples choices are equally heard.
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Answer: It would depend on how the map is drawn. It doesn't have to be executive council benefits of electoral college system to NH. It offers different places in the state, voices to be heard.

Linda Bundy: I am opposed to this bill. "In 2011, voting districts were manipulated".

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Cynthia Walter: I will submit my comments via email. I strongly oppose this.

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Committee Clerk

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* Rep. Cody Belanger Rock 9 Epping
* Rep Josh Yokela
Linda Buckby
Rep Timothy Horrigan

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING on Bill # HB 390

BILL TITLE: XX Relative to the election of electors of the president and vice president of the U.S.

DATE: 2/17/21

ROOM: 306 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 11:29 AM.

Time Adjourned: 11:55 AM

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. B. Griffin, W. MacDonald, Wells, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Sweeney, Hayward, Mooney, Torosian, Berry, Groen, Qualey, Cote, Ward, Bergeron, Sandler, Hamer, Lane, Freitas, Hamblet and Muirhead

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* Rep Josh Yokela

Linda Buday

Rep Timothy Horrigan

ELECTION LAW PUBLIC HEARING

2/17/21

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House Remote Testify

Election Law Committee Testify List for Bill HB370 on 2021-02-17

Support: 12 Oppose: 140 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 4

Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	S
Yokela, Josh	josh.yokela@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Rockingham 33	Support	Yes (5m)	2
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Horrigan, Timothy	timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	Yes (3m)	2
Horrigan, NH Rep. Timothy	timothy.horrigan@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Strafford 6	Oppose	Yes (2m)	2
Douville, Raye Ellen	rayeellen@outlook.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
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Ladd, Carl	dr.carl.ladd@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
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Belanger, Cody	ffbelanger@gmail.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Support	No	2
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Lightfoot, Jean	JnLightfoot@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
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Booras, Efstathia	Efstathia.Booras@state.leg.nh.us	An Elected Official	Constituents	Oppose	No	2
Groetzinger, Tonda	groetzinger6@aol.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2
Cape, Jared	jared.o.cape@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Baldasaro, Rep Al	mbaldasaro@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Webber, Marianne	Mont Vernon, NH Marianne.webber@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Levesque, cassandra	Barrington, NH cassandra.levesque@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Garland, Ann	annhgarland@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Weston, Joyce	jweston14@roadrunner.com	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Chase, Wendy	wendy.chase@leg.state.nh.us	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Bates, David	dbates3@yahoo.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Fenner-Lukaitis, Elizabeth	glukaitis@mcttelecom.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Abruzzese, Cathleen	Catabruzzese@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Gibbons, Cheryl	cherylsark@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Cohen, Bruce	bruce.cohen@leg,nh.state.us	An Elected Official	Hillsborough 28	Oppose	No	2
Fordey, Nicole	nikkif610@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Johnson, Sara	nhchicagocubfan@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Thompson, Laura	nicnmom@hotmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Wells, Lee	leewells.locustfarm@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Stevens, Kate	kate.mk.stevens@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Hamblet, Joan	joan.hamblet@leg.state.nh.us	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Almy, Susan	susan.almy@comcast.net	An Elected Official	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Clark, Lynn	rubylynn862@gmail.com	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2
Tentarelli, Liz	LWV@kenliz.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	2

Testimony

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:44 AM
From: Liz Tentarelli
Sent: Sunday, February 14, 2021 5:14:20 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: HB 370 testimony 2-17-21
Importance: Normal
Attachments: testimony HB 370 allocation of electors 2-17-21.pdf;

My testimony in opposition to HB 370 is attached. Thank you for your hard work on a long list of bills!

Liz Tentarelli, Newbury NH

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:44 AM
From: Keith Thompson
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:12:05 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: Oppose HB370
Importance: Normal

To the Committee-

I am writing to oppose HB370.
The effect of this bill, whether intended or not, cannot be taken out of the context that New Hampshire's Executive Council districts are already heavily gerrymandered, and tying the election of the Electors to these districts, with redistricting coming up and the current majority party refusing to consider non-partisan redistricting, can only be seen as an attempt to gain a partisan advantage for one party over the votes of the citizens of New Hampshire.
Please vote this bill ITL.

Sincerely,

Keith F Thompson
Nashua, NH

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:44 AM
From: John Russell
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:09:08 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: Strenuously Opposed to HB370
Importance: Normal

To the Honorable Committee-

I am writing to oppose HB370.
I am a recent citizen to the United States, sworn in March 2017 but have been legally resident for decades in this vibrant country. A driving impetus for my citizenship was the desire to cast a vote.

To my eyes, HB370 is un-American.
American individualism, American uniqueness of thought and opinion would be sacrificed at the alter of a tiny elite casting votes for a most choice. Some suggest executive council districts are gerrymandered, if so, all the more reason for this terrible bill, HB370, to be considered ITL.

HB370 would devastate New Hampshire's claim to "First in the nation" as it would not express the open will of the people of New Hampshire.

This obscene bill should be voted ITL.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

John Russell
Bedford, NH

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:45 AM
From: Timothy Horrigan
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:36:18 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Cc: TimothyHORRIGAN@me.com; timothyhorrigan56@gmail.com; Tim Horrigan; Timothy Horrigan
Subject: testimony against HB 370
Importance: Normal
Attachments: HB 370 (2021) House Election Law (ITL testimony by Rep. Timothy Horrigan).pdf;

My testimony against HB 370 is attached as a PDF file. This is in my opinion a terrible bill, one of the worst I have ever seen.

Thanks,

Rep. Timothy Horrigan

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:45 AM
From: Tim Blagden
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:50:28 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Subject: HB370
Importance: Normal

I am strongly opposed to the NH legislature attempting to circumvent the votes of the citizens of the state when it comes to electing the President and Vice President. One person one vote. I am not interested in having gerrymandered Executive Council districts reduce the vote to a potential 3-2 decision. I do not trust that NH senate districts are any less gerrymandered.
Please keep your hands off my vote and the votes of every other NH citizen.
Best regards,
Tim Blagden
Warner, NH

Archived: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:46:45 AM
From: Cody Belanger
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:10:18 PM
To: ~House Election Law Committee
Cc: Max Abramson; Aidan Ankarberg; Josh Yokela
Subject: Re: HB 370 - 2021-0348h, Josh Yokela
Importance: Normal

Good afternoon Madam Chair & Members of the committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony today. I am asking you to support HB 370! This bill **doesn't** spilt up electoral college votes by districts or by state similar to the Maine and Nebraska approach. SB 43 that would have done exactly that and was unanimously killed by the Senate. For years Presidents have been elected by the electoral college. The electoral college ensures all areas of the country have a voice in who is chosen to lead our great country and has a built-in way to limit what areas of the country have their concerns heard on the campaign trail. That protection is that no one knows before the election where the battle ground areas are and putting too much effort in one area might lead to a win in one area but losses everywhere else.

HB 370 brings that very same system into existence at the State Level. New Hampshire is unique, we hold the first in the nation primary, we are one of few states that doesn't have a LT. Governor but we have an even more unique Executive Council, which is why it shouldn't be surprising that we would come up with a never tried before method to try to bring the benefits of the electoral college to the state level. Which makes us such an attractive state to come to during Presidential elections. HB 370 boosts our profile at the national level, it makes us even more unique than we already are.

An argument will be made that this is political, but the data doesn't support that, the electoral college is important so that **EVERYONE** has a voice in who they elect. A candidate who wishes to become President must obtain a plurality of votes in a majority of the five districts. This means that a Presidential candidate has to go to Berlin, Colebrook, Sandwich, and most importantly Dixville Notch which holds the first in the first election, instead of just going to Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, & Concord. This bill makes Presidential candidates fight harder for our votes. It is no surprise that some folks associated with a certain party affiliation do not support the Electoral college, because in their eyes N.H. is safe for a certain Presidential candidate. This bill

would ensure that every person's voice is heard, just like a comment that was made today about "one vote, one voice." The electoral college is a uncreatable way to win an election, so let's bring it to NH and continue to show up the rest of the country how New Hampshire does it's elections.

I ask you to please support this bill as written, and should you have any questions please feel free to reach out and ask.

From: Josh Yokela <Josh.Yokela@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:51 AM
To: ~House Election Law Committee <HouseElectionLawCommittee@leg.state.nh.us>
Cc: Max Abramson <Max.Abramson@leg.state.nh.us>; Cody Belanger <Cody.Belanger@leg.state.nh.us>; Aidan Ankarberg <Aidan.Ankarberg@leg.state.nh.us>
Subject: Fw: HB 370 - 2021-0348h, Josh Yokela

Hello Election Law Committee,

I have attached an amendment that demonstrates the ease with which Rep Abramson's amendment could be turned into national popular vote legislation. I believe his amendment should be considered a stepping stone to this type of legislation. Which why I ask you to support HB370 as proposed.

Thanks for your attention to this issue,

Hon. Josh Yokela
www.JoshYokelaForNH.com
603-722-0501

Testimony Against HOUSE BILL 370:
"AN ACT relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States."

Rep. Timothy Horrigan (Strafford 6)
February 17, 2021; House Election Law Committee

The timing of HB 370 could not be worse. It was (presumably) filed long before the events of January 6, 2021 when a mob invaded the US Capitol during the official count of the 2020 electoral votes. That invasion turned what should have been a ceremony honoring the peaceful transition of power into a disgusting spectacle which resulted in the deaths of five people and which could easily have killed dozens or hundreds more, including the sitting Vice President and the leadership of both Houses of Congress. Be that as it may, this hearing takes place when the memories of January 6th are still fresh.

We members of the New Hampshire House were fortunate in three regards on January 6th, Firstly, we had an unambiguous Presidential election here in the Granite State: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won a free, fair and well-run election by a comfortable margin. 48% of New Hampshire 's voters were disappointed by the result, but 100% of those voters could be confident that our vote count was correct. Secondly, we House members were enjoying (or at least enduring) a busy and eventful "drive-in session day," so the day was not quite as bad for us as it was for everyone else. Thirdly, attendance at the drive-in session was excellent. Evidently, no members of the New Hampshire House made the road trip down to DC, and no New Hampshire legislators were photographed with the mob at the Capitol.

The Electoral College is an ancient but controversial institution because (amongst other flaws) it is possible for one Presidential candidate to win the popular vote without winning the Presidency, This happened most recently in 2016. The previous President and his running mate lost the popular vote by 48.2% to 46.1% (with 3rd-party candidates splitting the remaining 5.7%) but they won 304 out of 538 electoral votes. The previous President turned out to be spectacularly incompetent and massively unpopular. He was impeached, twice. His one term in office was capped off by his total mismanagement of the worst global health crisis in 100 years and the collapse of the national and global economy; and in November he lost his re-election bid. Not being re-elected is something perfectly normal which has happened to many other Presidents who served during bad times, including some Presidents who were neither incompetent nor unpopular. But in 2020, the outgoing President refused to accept his defeat, creating the political crisis which climaxed with the invasion of the Capitol.

It is bad enough that Presidents can win the Electoral College without winning the popular vote nationwide. But, HB 370 allows a Presidential ticket to get our states four electoral votes without a majority of the statewide vote, depending on how their votes are distributed between the five arbitrarily drawn Executive Council districts. And, for good measure, if no ticket wins a plurality of the five districts (which is virtually impossible) the tie would be broken not by the statewide popular vote totals, but by the vote of the state Senate.

The New Hampshire Senate is, by the way, as we all know, elected every two years in November, including Presidential election years. It is unclear whether the outgoing Senate would pick the electors, or the incoming Senate. The newly elected incoming state Senate unfortunately takes office just a few days before the electors meet to cast their ballots.

Rep. Timothy Horrigan; 7A Faculty Rd; Durham, NH 03824
email: Timothy.Horrigan@leg.state.nh.us

Feb. 17, 2021

Re: HB 370 relative to allocation of electoral votes

To: Chair Rep. Griffin and members of the Election Law committee

From: Liz Tentarelli Email: LWVnewhampshire@gmail.com

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill to allocate New Hampshire's electoral vote based on a plurality of votes in Executive Council districts. Normally I would testify on behalf of the League of Women Voters New Hampshire, which echoes the national League's position on the direct election of the President and the abolition of the Electoral College. But this bill is so far removed from the usual appeal for alternative allocation that I hesitate to relate it to the League's positions.

I can imagine no good reason for considering where votes were cast, in terms of Executive Council districts, to determine electors in a federal election. I urge you to vote **Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 370.**

Please also consider the further step this bill takes in suggesting that in the event no candidate receives a plurality in Executive Council districts, the decision of which electors will represent New Hampshire is made by the NH Senate.

In the first 130 years of our country, US Senators were not elected by the voters. They were chosen by each state's legislators. The 17th Amendment, ratified in 1913, allowed the voters to cast ballots for US Senators. The founders' notion that voters should not be considered smart enough or responsible enough to vote for Senators was seen as misguided, and the Constitution was amended.

HB370 would, in a sense, take us back to that earlier mentality. It would say that our votes for President could be "filtered" through the NH Senate.

I have great respect for our state senate, but I don't want them making that decision for me!

I suspect this bill was crafted to give third party candidates an advantage, particularly in the event there are several strong minor parties in any given year. That is not, in my opinion, a good enough reason to support this strange proposal to consider Executive Council district vote distribution as a factor in a federal election.

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Bill as Introduced

HB 370 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0318
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HOUSE BILL ***370***

AN ACT relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belanger, Rock. 9; Rep. Ankarberg, Straf. 10; Rep. Abramson, Rock. 37; Rep. Yokela, Rock. 33

COMMITTEE: Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that electors of the president and vice president of the United States shall be designated by the party that receives a plurality of votes in a plurality of executive council districts, and in the absence of such a plurality, shall be designated by the New Hampshire senate.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

HB 370 - AS INTRODUCED

21-0318
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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to the election of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Electors of the President and Vice-President. Amend RSA 653:2 to read as follows:

653:2 Electors of the President and Vice-President. At the state general election in [~~1980~~] ***2024*** and at the state general election every fourth year thereafter, the voters of the state shall elect the number of electors of the president and vice-president of the United States to which the state is entitled. ***The electors of the party who received a plurality of votes in a plurality of New Hampshire executive council districts shall be designated the electors of the President and Vice President of the United States by the secretary of state and governor. If there is no plurality of executive council districts, the New Hampshire senate shall designate electors.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.