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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Agreement Among the States to
3 Elect the President by National Popular Vote;
4 providing for enactment of the agreement; providing a
5 method by which a state may become a member state;
6 requiring a statewide popular election for President
7 and Vice President of the United States; establishing
8 a procedure for appointing presidential electors in
9 member states; providing that the agreement becomes
10 effective upon the occurrence of specified
11 circumstances; providing for the withdrawal of a
12 member state; requiring notification of member states
13 when the agreement takes effect in a nonmember state
14 or when a member state withdraws from the agreement;
15 providing severability; providing definitions;
16 providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. The Agreement Among the States to Elect the
21 President by National Popular Vote.—The Agreement Among the
22 States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is hereby
23 enacted into law and entered into by this state with all states
24 legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

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26 Article I

27 Membership.—Any state of the United States and the District
28 of Columbia may become a member of this agreement by enacting
29 this agreement.

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58Article II

Right of the people in member states to vote for President and Vice President.—Each member state shall conduct a statewide popular election for President and Vice President of the United States.

Article III

Manner of appointing presidential electors in member states.—Prior to the time set by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, the chief election official of each member state shall determine the number of votes for each presidential slate in each state of the United States and in the District of Columbia in which votes have been cast in a statewide popular election and shall add such votes together to produce a “national popular vote total” for each presidential slate.

The chief election official of each member state shall designate the presidential slate with the largest national popular vote total as the “national popular vote winner.”

The presidential elector certifying official of each member state shall certify the appointment in that official’s own state of the elector slate nominated in that state in association with the national popular vote winner.

At least 6 days before the day fixed by law for the meeting and voting by the presidential electors, each member state shall make a final determination of the number of popular votes cast in the state for each presidential slate and shall communicate an official statement of such determination within 24 hours to

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59 the chief election official of each other member state.

60 The chief election official of each member state shall
61 treat as conclusive an official statement containing the number
62 of popular votes in a state for each presidential slate made by
63 the day established by federal law for making a state's final
64 determination conclusive as to the counting of electoral votes
65 by Congress.

66 In the event of a tie for the national popular vote winner,
67 the presidential elector certifying official of each member
68 state shall certify the appointment of the elector slate
69 nominated in association with the presidential slate receiving
70 the largest number of popular votes within that official's own
71 state.

72 If, for any reason, the number of presidential electors
73 nominated in a member state in association with the national
74 popular vote winner is less than or greater than that state's
75 number of electoral votes, the presidential candidate on the
76 presidential slate that has been designated as the national
77 popular vote winner shall have the power to nominate the
78 presidential electors for that state and that state's
79 presidential elector certifying official shall certify the
80 appointment of such nominees.

81 The chief election official of each member state shall
82 immediately release to the public all vote counts or statements
83 of votes as they are determined or obtained.

84 This article governs the appointment of presidential
85 electors in each member state in any year in which this
86 agreement is in effect, on July 20, in states cumulatively
87 possessing a majority of the electoral votes.

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Article IV

Other provisions.—This agreement shall take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes have enacted this agreement in substantially the same form and the enactments by such states have taken effect in each state.

Any member state may withdraw from this agreement, except that a withdrawal occurring 6 months or less before the end of a President's term does not become effective until a President or Vice President has been qualified to serve the next term.

The chief executive of each member state shall promptly notify the chief executive of all other states when this agreement has been enacted and has taken effect in that official's state, when the state has withdrawn from this agreement, and when this agreement takes effect generally.

This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is abolished.

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid, the remaining provisions are not affected.

Article V

Definitions.—For purposes of this agreement, the term:

"Chief election official" means the state official or body that is authorized to certify the total number of popular votes for each presidential slate.

"Chief executive" means the Governor of a state of the United States or the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

"Elector slate" means a slate of candidates who have been nominated in a state for the position of presidential elector in

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117 association with a presidential slate.

118 "Presidential elector" means an elector for President and
119 Vice President of the United States.

120 "Presidential elector certifying official" means the state
121 official or body that is authorized to certify the appointment
122 of the state's presidential electors.

123 "Presidential slate" means a slate of two persons, the
124 first of whom has been nominated as a candidate for President of
125 the United States and the second of whom has been nominated as a
126 candidate for Vice President of the United States, or any legal
127 successors to such persons, regardless of whether both names
128 appear on the ballot presented to the voter in a particular
129 state.

130 "State" means a state of the United States and the District
131 of Columbia.

132 "Statewide popular election" means a general election in
133 which votes are cast for presidential slates by individual
134 voters and counted on a statewide basis.

135 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.