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## Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dominic Pileggi 

RE: Co-sponsorship of Electoral College Legislation

I plan to introduce legislation which would change the manner in which presidential electors are selected in Pennsylvania to more closely conform to the popular vote for president.

In 2012, Pennsylvania will have 20 electors in the electoral college, one for each U.S. Senator and one for each member of Congress.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Election Code provides for a "winner take all" system of awarding electoral votes. In each presidential election year, a slate of candidates for elector of President and Vice-President are elected by the voters of the Commonwealth. The slate winning the most votes becomes the electors in the electoral college.

My legislation would amend the Election Code to use a district plan for electing presidential electors. Under this plan, two electors are chosen on a statewide, at-large basis representing the two senatorial electors and one is elected in each congressional district. Each voter still casts a single vote for the President and Vice President. Currently, Maine and Nebraska utilize this system.

The advantage of this approach is that the composition of Pennsylvania's delegation to the electoral college will more accurately reflect the preference of Pennsylvania voters in presidential elections.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Michelle Kreiger at [mkreiger@pasen.gov](mailto:mkreiger@pasen.gov) or 787-4712.

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