

**S.B.108, S.B.133 – Oppose**

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Chairs and members of the Committee, my name is Luther Weeks, Executive Director of CTVotersCount, a Certified Moderator, and a Computer Scientist.

S.B.108 would award one elector for each congressional district to the candidates winning the popular vote in each such district. S.B.133 would do that only for one congressional district.

Similar statutes are in effect in just two states. Similar bills were proposed and failed for California and Pennsylvania in 2012. Likely there were and are other such proposals in other states.

The effect of any of these bills would be to decrease the chances for electors of the dominant party in each state where it would be in effect and increase the chances for electors of the second party in each of those states.

These proposals might be an interesting concept for national consideration if it were to be placed into law in all states at once. Yet due to gerrymandering, they would actually distort the vote toward the party that has won and will in the future win each state's gerrymandering game. They would also serve to further increase the already high stakes in gerrymandering.

Thank you,