

## *The Electoral College*

What is the Electoral College?	It is the system by which states appoint representatives, or "Electors," to choose the President of the United States.
What section of the U.S. Constitution provides for the Electoral College?	Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution.
How many electoral votes are needed for a candidate to win the office of the president?	270 votes.
What does "winner take all" mean with respect to the Electoral College?	All of the electoral votes of a state go to the winner of the state's popular vote, regardless of the proximity of the vote.
What two states utilize congressional district allocation when casting electoral votes?	Maine and Nebraska.
What determines the number of Electors each state possesses?	Each state's number of Electors is equal to the number of senators (2) and the number of representatives (based upon the state's population).
How many electoral votes does your state possess?	Varies.
How are the Electors in your state chosen?	Varies.
Why did the founding fathers choose the Electoral College system?	To balance population and prevent a dictatorship of the majority.