

# TOWN OF ERVING

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Attention: Mayor

Honorable Board of Aldermen:

As you know, the U.S. Constitution gives each state legislature the right to decide how to appoint its own electors for Presidential elections. We are contacting you in the hopes that you share our opinion that all Massachusetts voters would be provided a stronger voice in Presidential elections if our current Electoral College Votes system (winner takes all) were replaced with a system of Congressional district apportionment of Presidential electors.

The Town of Erving is supporting House Bill No. 00200 filed by Representative Koczera of New Bedford. This proposed legislation would have one Presidential elector be chosen from each Congressional district and two Presidential electors chosen at large. We feel that this system of awarding the votes would elevate the meaning of each vote in our state. It is a system that is currently being used by Maine and Nebraska. While not negatively impacting the influence of large population towns (which have multiple Congressional districts), a Congressional district system of awarding Presidential electors would provide a stronger voice for smaller towns. This change in how our votes are distributed would recognize the diversity of Congressional districts and bring the entire Presidential election process closer to the ground.

Please do your own research and give consideration to asking your legislators to support House Bill No. 00200.

If we can assist your efforts contact Tom Sharp at 413-422-2800 X100.

Sincerely,  
Erving Board of Selectmen

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