

GEORGIA ELECTIONS: ELECTORAL COLLEGE

IN ORDER FOR A CANDIDATE TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY, THEY MUST BE ELECTED BY THE **ELECTORAL COLLEGE**. A CANDIDATE MAY WIN THE **POPULAR VOTE**, BUT WILL NOT WIN THE PRESIDENCY UNLESS THEY HAVE ENOUGH VOTES FROM THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.



Electoral College conceived by the **U.S. CONSTITUTION Article II, Section 1**
AMENDED BY THE **12TH AND 23RD AMENDMENTS**

538 MEMBERS

1 FOR EACH U.S. SENATOR & U.S. REPRESENTATIVE + **3** FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE ELECTORS CANNOT BE U.S. SENATORS, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANYONE HOLDING "AN OFFICE OF TRUST OR PROFIT UNDER THE UNITED STATES."

Each state's electoral vote count THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



STATE LEGISLATURES HAVE THE **POWER TO DECIDE** HOW THEIR STATE'S ELECTORS ARE SELECTED. CURRENTLY, **EVERY STATE** IN THE COUNTRY CHOOSES ELECTORS BY A **POPULAR VOTE**.

48 STATES

WINNER-TAKE-ALL
 All of the electors from the winning presidential candidate's political party will be selected. This is how Georgia chooses its electors.

2 STATES

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
 Maine and Nebraska award an elector to the popular vote winner in each Congressional district as well as two additional electors for the winner of the statewide popular vote.

ALTHOUGH ELECTORS ARE SELECTED THROUGH **POPULAR VOTE** IN GEORGIA, THEIR NAMES DO NOT ACTUALLY **APPEAR ON THE BALLOT**. INSTEAD, WHEN A VOTE IS CAST FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, IT IS ALSO A VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF THAT CANDIDATE'S **POLITICAL PARTY**.

32 STATES

HAVE LAWS TO **REQUIRE THEIR ELECTORS** TO VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF THE PARTY THAT NOMINATED THEM. **GEORGIA** DOES NOT.

CERTIFICATE OF ASCERTAINMENT

Each state's governor submits a **certificate of ascertainment** "as soon as practicable" after the election to confirm the state's **chosen electors**.

2020 ELECTORAL COLLEGE TIMELINE

SPRING AND SUMMER OF 2020

EACH POLITICAL PARTY NOMINATES THEIR SLATE OF ELECTORS

NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020

ELECTION DAY: THE VOTERS SELECT THE ELECTORS BY VOTING FOR THEIR PREFERRED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

DECEMBER 8TH, 2020

"SAFE HARBOR" DEADLINE: ALL ELECTION DISPUTES AND COUNTS MUST BE COMPLETED

DECEMBER 14TH, 2020

THE ELECTORS FOR EACH STATE MEET TO FORMALLY CAST THEIR ELECTORAL VOTES

DECEMBER 23RD, 2020

DEADLINE FOR STATES TO SUBMIT THEIR ELECTORAL VOTES TO THE U.S. SENATE PRESIDENT

JANUARY 6TH, 2021

A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IS HELD TO COUNT THE ELECTORAL VOTES