

Senate approves new elector system

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The Senate gave initial approval of a bill that would replace the winner-take-all system of choosing presidential electors with a more proportional method.

In the proposed system, a presidential ticket would earn one elector for winning the vote in one of the state's congressional districts, while two additional at-large electors would be chosen based on the statewide vote total. The bill was introduced with the intention of making the electoral process more fair and attracting presidential candidates to come to North Carolina. Dissenting republicans said the measure would make the state irrelevant. A final House vote could come as early as today.