

Electoral College

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In order to win the election:

- The Candidate must receive a majority of the electoral votes...

How many voters exist in the Electoral College? **538**

435 (House of Reps) & **100** (Senate) Each state receives the equivalent # of electoral votes to the # members of Congress

the remaining **3** votes represent Washington D.C.

A winning candidate must receive **270** or more votes (majority)

- The electors are chosen at-large in every state except Maine. Maine (& Nebraska beginning in '92) uses the "district plan"
- At-large.....whoever receives the most votes (plurality) in the state receive all of the state's electoral votes.
- In the District Plan, 2 votes are determined at large and the rest of the electoral votes are determined in each congressional district (plurality)

- The Public Votes for President on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November..... (Nov. 2-8). The Public chooses Electors...
- Electors meet in their state capitols on the first Monday following the 2nd Wednesday in December to cast their votes.
- The ballots are signed and sent registered mail to the President of the Senate
- The ballots are opened on Jan. 6 in a joint session of Congress. (the new sitting Congress as of Jan.3)

Need a majority of electoral votes (270) to be elected. If not.....

1. Top 3 candidates are selected from by the House. Each state has one vote. & takes a majority of 26 to elect
2. If House unable to elect by January 20th, the newly elected Vice president takes over until they can
3. If no Vice President, then the election goes to the Senate, between the top two. Takes a majority of whole Senate to elect (51)