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Bill Summary

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Overview

The bill requires presidential electors to vote for the candidate under whose name the elector was elected. Public perception is that electors fill a ceremonial role that confirms the popular election, but nothing in current law enforces that perception.

Section

- 1 Electors to meet at state capitol.** Requires each elector to vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates in whose name the elector was elected. Requires electors to vote by public ballot and state aloud the candidates for whom the elector is voting. Invalidates the vote of an elector who fails to follow this requirement. Makes the Secretary of State the elector's agent to cast a vote for the candidates under whose names the elector was elected. Invalidation does not apply if the presidential or vice-presidential candidates release the elector, die, or become mentally disabled.