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Overview

This bill would modify Minnesota's process for awarding electoral votes to candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Instead of casting all of Minnesota's electoral votes using a "winner-take-all" system, Minnesota's electoral votes would be allocated according to the results in each congressional district. The remaining two electoral votes would be allocated to the winner of the statewide popular vote.

Based on the certified results of the 2016 presidential election in Minnesota, under this process five electoral votes would have been awarded to the Republican candidate for president, and five electoral votes would have been awarded to the DFL candidate for president.

This process is the current practice in two other states: Maine and Nebraska.

Section

- **1 Nomination of presidential electors and alternates.** Modifies the process by which each major party nominates candidates to serve as presidential elector. Presidential elector nominees must be nominated from each congressional district, with two electors nominated from the state at-large.
- 2 State canvassing board. Requires the State Canvassing Board to certify the persons elected to serve as presidential electors based on the votes cast within each congressional district and from the state at-large.