

SB 2271 was sold to the North Dakota Senate as a “countermove” in the event that other states enact the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (**NPVIC**) for US President. The NPVIC is an affront to the US Constitution, but in passing SB 2271 we would be taking a dangerous path for North Dakota and the United States. SB 2271 says that *in the event NPVIC is enacted*, North Dakota would “hide” all vote count results for Presidential races until the Electoral College casts their votes.

The *nuanced prerequisite language* in SB 2271 activating the election obfuscation *only* in the event of NPVIC is already lost on our local press. They and the nation will continue to see SB 2271 simply as “secret election counting”. Should North Dakota, a famously Republican state, pass SB 2271 it will be used as justification by Democrat and swing states and their allies to pass similar legislation without the NPVIC clause.

The 2020 election demonstrated the power of publicly available interval vote count data. It allowed non governmental individuals and organizations to perform their own election fraud analysis in real-time. The effect of SB 2271 would be to make charts such as below impossible until after the electoral college has already cast their votes. At best SB 2271 is an exchange of a gold standard (election transparency) to *perhaps/maybe* prevent a bad thing that *may* come to pass (the NPVIC). At worst, and more likely, North Dakota is being tricked into an embarrassing legislative act that will be used by the political left to justify their own “secret election counts”.

SB 2271 will be considered a gift by North Dakota to bad actors in other states who seek to make it easier to steal elections.

North Dakota should be fortifying our election integrity, not trading it away to meet other challenges. Please **DO NOT PASS** SB 2271.

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