Electoral College

state capitals and

for president and

vice president.

cast their official votes

In the U.S., the people don't vote directly for the president and vice president. Instead, a system called the Electoral College is used. This system allows voters to vote for electors, who then cast their votes for candidates, a system described in Article II of the Constitution.



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How it works Example Each state is Every four years, on the 2 senators entitled to a number 10 Tuesday following the first (every state) of electors equal to Monday of November, each electors state holds an election in which that state's 8 members of for that representation in citizens vote for a "ticket" that includes state the House of Congress. a president and vice president. But what the Representatives voter actually votes for are the electors for their state. These electors then vote How many electors for the president and vice president the voter has Strong Democrat Strong chosen. 538 Republican states states Washington Vermont Maine Dem. Pennsylvania 12 New President 🚣 N. Dakota Montana Minnesota Michigan New Vice President 3 Hampshire 3 Oregon West 10 Virginia 7 S. Dakota Wisconsin 11 Massachusets ***** Wyoming 10 3 4 Rhode Island 3 Iowa The Ohio Nebraska 7 Connecticut Nevada Indiana 18 electors 6 5 14 New Jersey Utah for your 6 11 Colorado 20 13 3 Delaware 6 Kansas 10 Virginia 55 10 Maryland 6 Missouri 15 N. Carolina 3 District of 11 Arizona New Oklahoma Columbia Kentucky Who you California Mexico 11 6 actually S. Carolina 5 vote for Georgia These are the 8 Texas electors who Tennessee 38 make up the Electoral 29 Florida Louisiana Alabama College. Mississippi Hawaii 4 Winner takes all Vote result Electors are Finally not split. On the Monday following 51% Winner the second Wednesday All electors are counted up. A simple majority 51% or more of of December, the of the 538 electors is needed for the presidential the votes are electors meet in their and vice presidential candidates to win. needed for the

270

candidate to win

all of the state's

available electors.