

Government Administration and Elections Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5531 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING FAITHFUL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Vote Date: 3/23/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 3/13/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires presidential electors in Connecticut to formally pledge to vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates they are nominated to represent. It establishes procedures to enforce that pledge, including rejecting ballots cast inconsistently, removing electors who do not comply, and replacing them with individuals who will vote as pledged. It also updates the process for filling vacancies and certifying electoral votes.

This bill aims to ensure that presidential electors vote in accordance with the will of voters and their party or candidate commitments, preventing “faithless electors” and promoting consistency and reliability in the Electoral College process.

SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE (IF APPLICABLE):

Adds language specifying who are nominated as presidential electors should the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact be adopted.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Dr. David Weinberg, Policy Strategist, Protect Democracy United:](#) Testified in support of the bill, stating that this would strengthen election integrity by preventing faithless presidential electors and ensuring Connecticut’s electoral votes reflect the will of voters. He explained that

the bill establishes clear enforcement mechanisms, including requiring electors to pledge to vote faithfully and allowing for immediate replacement if they fail to do so.

Kevin Johnson, Executive Director and Cofounder, Election Reformers Network:

Testified in support, stating that the bill would protect against faithless presidential electors and ensure that Connecticut's electoral votes reflect the will of its voters. He noted that requiring electors to pledge to support their party's candidates is a simple and effective safeguard and highlighted that similar laws have been adopted in numerous states and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Felicia DeDominicis: Testified in support, stating that the bill would help protect elections from attempts to undermine results and is a necessary safeguard based on past elections.

League of Women Voters of Connecticut, Legislative Specialist: testified in support, stating that the bill would help restore public confidence in the electoral process by ensuring presidential electors reflect the will of voters. They noted that requiring elector pledges and establishing enforcement mechanisms would provide transparency, prevent interference in election outcomes, and reduce the risk of litigation, while aligning Connecticut with other states that have adopted similar protections.

Carol Williams: Supports this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Anonymous 94: Opposes this bill.

Anonymous 96: Opposes this bill.

Anonymous 95: Opposes this bill.

Reported by: Michael Hamann

Date: 03/31/26