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# **Electoral College Information:**

The Electoral College is the process by which the United States elects the President. In this process, the States (which includes the District of Columbia just for this process) elect the President and Vice President.

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) is a part of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, coordinates certain functions of the Electoral College between the States and Congress. Acting as an intermediary, it reviews the Certificates of Ascertainment and Vote before Congress accepts them as evidence of official State action in preparation for the counting of electoral votes in Congress.

# What is the Electoral College?

• It is a group of 538 people, chosen by the states and the District of Columbia, that are responsible for electing the President and Vice President of the United States. When you cast your vote for a presidential/vice-presidential ticket, you are actually casting a vote for the slate of electors in your state that were chosen to represent that ticket in the Electoral College.

### How are electors chosen?

- States are allocated electors based on their number of Congressional legislators. For example, Colorado is entitled to ten electors because it has two members of the U.S. Senate and eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The District of Columbia is entitled to 3 electors by virtue of the 23rd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- In order to be elected, a presidential/vice-presidential ticket must receive at least 270 Electoral College votes, which amounts to a majority of the votes cast by the 538 electors.

#### How does Colorado nominate its members of the Electoral College?

- Each Colorado political party nominates delegates to its national convention during the state party conventions. During these assemblies, the parties also nominate their Electoral College electors.
- Unaffiliated presidential candidates may access the ballot in Colorado by petition. Each unaffiliated candidate must submit a list of presidential elector nominees when the candidate requests a petition format from the Secretary of State's office and these elector nominees will also be printed on the petitions.
- Write-in presidential candidates may also access the ballot in Colorado. Each writein candidate must submit a list of presidential elector nominees when the candidate files with the Secretary of State.

## When do Colorado's presidential electors meet?

• Following the presidential election, Colorado's ten designated electors meet in the Governor's office to cast their votes for president and vice president. Under current Colorado law, each presidential elector must vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who received the highest number of votes in Colorado's General Election.

### Want more information about the Electoral College?

• Visit the National Archives and Records Administration website.

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- Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025

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