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## WEEKLY SURVEY QUESTION—HB 929

Should Georgians support Earl Ehrhart (R – Powder Springs, District 36) in his effort to change how the President is elected?

**16%: Georgia Counties Reported**

**4%: Voted YES**

**8%: Voted MAYBE**

**88%: Voted NO**

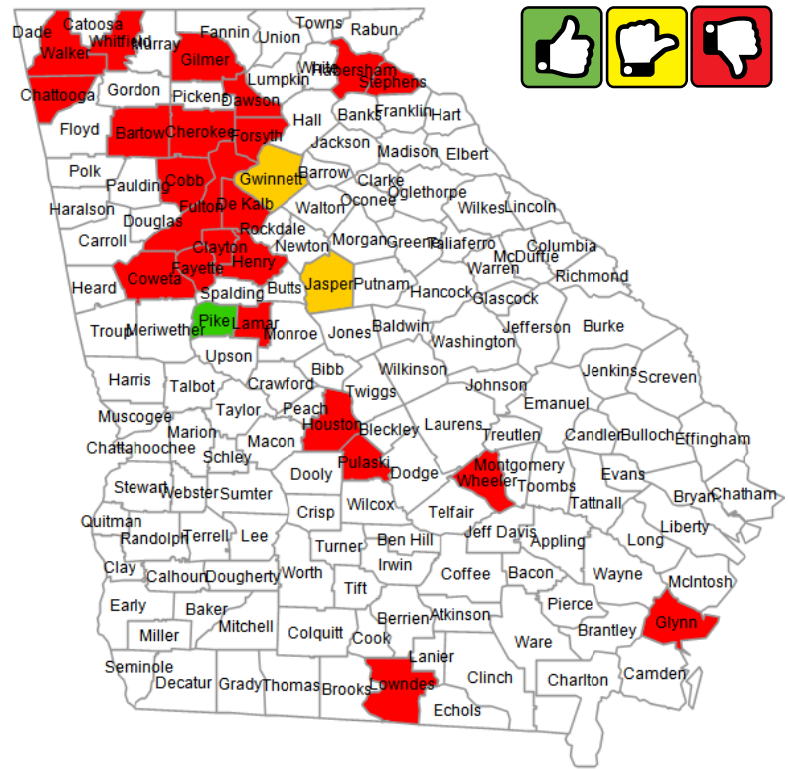


**Rep. Earl Ehrhart (R-Powder Springs, District 36)** sponsor of HB 929, a BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elections, so as to enact the Agreement

Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; to allow states to join together to establish an interstate compact to elect the president by national popular vote; to provide for the implementation of such compact; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution's Jim Galloway, writing on the National Popular Vote initiative in the Assembly, opines: "And so we have SB 376 and HB 929, two measures that would make Georgia's electoral votes entirely unpredictable – based solely on the outcome of the national popular vote. Rather than on votes cast in Georgia alone.

Both measures have Republican authors – Rep. Earl Ehrhart of Powder Springs, and Senate President pro tem David Shafer of Duluth. But the second signature on each bill belongs to the Democratic leader in the House and Senate – Stacey Abrams of Atlanta and Steve Henson of Tucker, respectively."



## WHAT VOTERS THINK ABOUT HB 929

- *The Electoral College limits the damage done by vote stuffing in other states. If California lets the dead and illegals votes, it only affects how their delegates are allocated. Moving to popular vote would give every state incentive to stuff the ballot with as many votes as possible.*
- *I am among the 74% support of Georgians supporting the idea that the President should be the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states. By political affiliation, support for a national popular vote for President was 75% among Republicans, 78% among Democrats, and 67% among others...*
- *Yes, the Electoral College system needs amending in favor of a system that balances democratic ideal against tyranny of either a concentrated minority or virulent majority and ONLY by way of Constitutional amendment.*
- *The Founders were so wise. They opposed mob rule. We are supposed to have a representative form of government.*
- *Rural populations will have no say in elections. Cities will rule. The electoral college needs to be kept.*

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