

(c) After taking the oath prescribed by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution before the Clerk of the Court of Appeals or, in the Clerk's absence, before one of the Clerk's deputies, the presidential electors shall cast their votes for the candidates for President and Vice President who received a plurality of the votes cast in [the State of Maryland] **THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE TOTAL DEFINED IN § 8-5A-01 OF THIS TITLE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**SUBTITLE 5A. AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT
THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.**

8-5A-01.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND HEREBY ENTERS THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE AS SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION. THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP.

ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS AGREEMENT BY ENACTING THIS AGREEMENT.

**ARTICLE II. RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE IN MEMBER STATES TO VOTE FOR
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.**

EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL CONDUCT A STATEWIDE POPULAR ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

**ARTICLE III. MANNER OF APPOINTING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS IN
MEMBER STATES.**

PRIOR TO THE TIME SET BY LAW FOR THE MEETING AND VOTING BY THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICIAL OF EACH MEMBER STATE SHALL DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF VOTES FOR EACH PRESIDENTIAL SLATE IN EACH STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN WHICH VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST IN A STATEWIDE POPULAR ELECTION AND SHALL ADD SUCH VOTES TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A "NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE TOTAL" FOR EACH PRESIDENTIAL SLATE.