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## Senate Bill 61

### Sectional Analysis

**Section 1** is a conforming section that references Section 2.

**Section 2** establishes that the statute for deciding tied elections do not apply the presidential electors when the National Popular Vote provisions are in effect.

**Section 3** is a conforming section that references Section 4.

**Section 4** establishes that Alaska's ranked choice voting system will be used for calculating the popular vote totals.

**Section 5** is a conforming section that references Section 6.

**Section 6** establishes that, when the National Popular Vote provisions are in effect, Alaska's presidential electors shall be awarded the winner of the nation-wide popular vote.

**Section 7** is a conforming section that references Section 8.

**Section 8** requires that, when the National Popular vote provisions are in effect, electors shall be required to vote for the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who won the nation-wide popular vote.

**Section 9** enacts the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

- New AS 15.30.104 is the language of the Agreement:
  - Article I states that any state and the District of Columbia may join the agreement.
  - Article II requires each state to conduct a statewide popular vote election for president and vice-president.
  - Article III adopts procedures for awarding electors to the winner of the nation-wide popular vote.
  - Article IV states that the Agreement takes effect when states representing the majority of the electoral votes have joined the Agreement. It also establishes procedures for states to leave the Agreement.
  - Article V defines terms used in the Agreement.
- New AS 15.30.106 establishes that the director of the Division of Election is considered the "chief election official" for purposes of the Agreement.
- New AS 15.30.108 establishes that when the agreement is in effect, it shall take precedence over any conflicting language in statute or regulation.