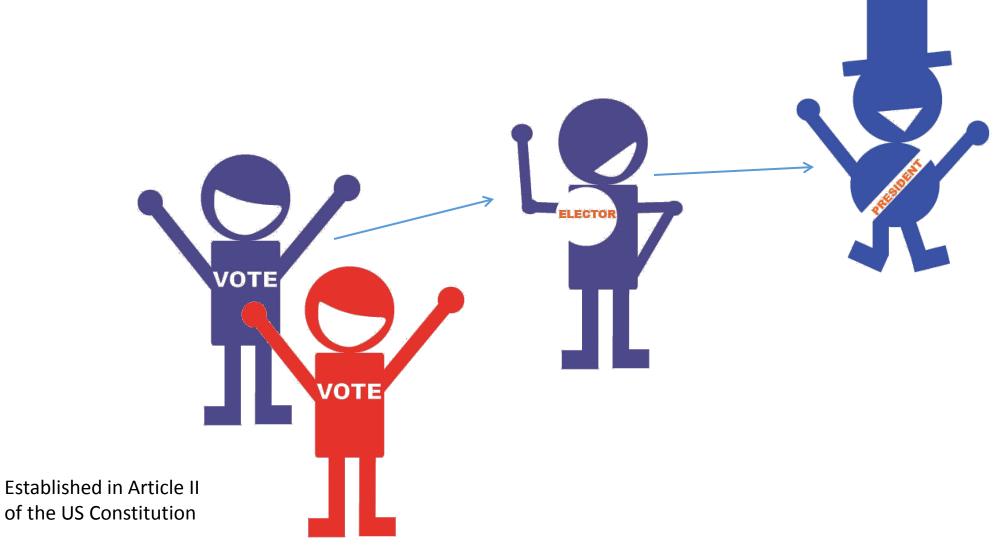


Electoral College

Washington State has 12 electoral college votes. How does it work?



What is the Electoral College?





How many Electors?

Electors are based on the number of Senators and Representatives who represent our state in the US Congress.

In Washington State, we have:

U.S. Representatives = **10**

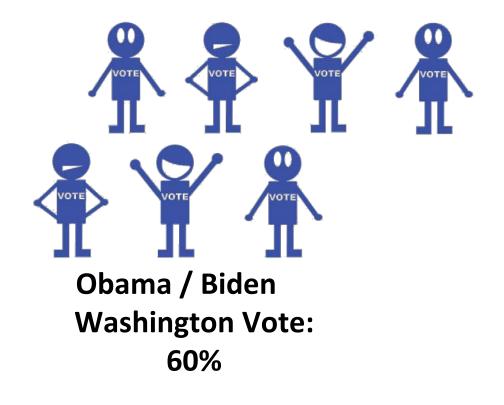
U.S. Senators = 2

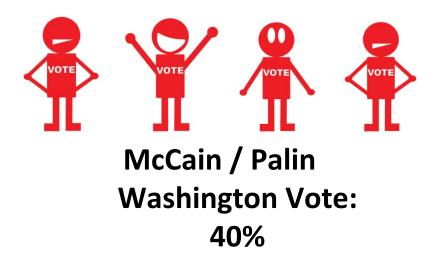
10 + 2 = 12

Washington has 12 presidential electors.



2008 Example





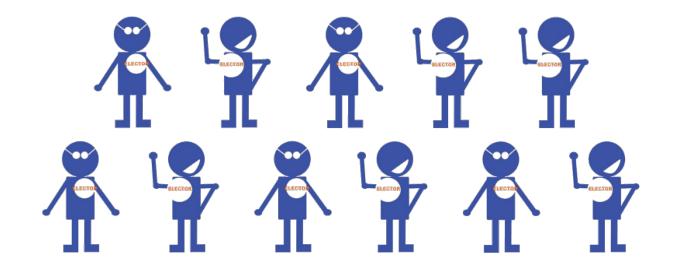
Back in 2008, we had 11 electoral votes. Now, in 2016, we have 12 electoral votes.



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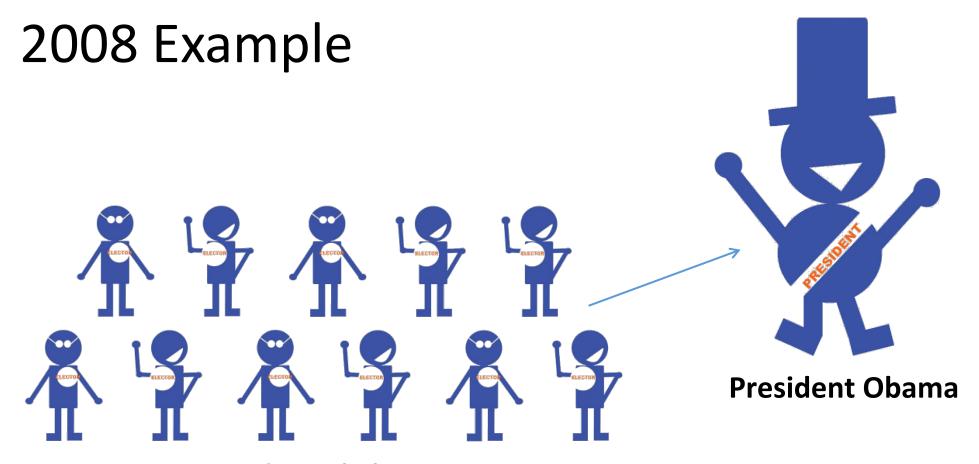
Washington State's 11

presidential electors were
then awarded to President
Obama because the
majority of voters in our
state voted for him.



Presidential Electors





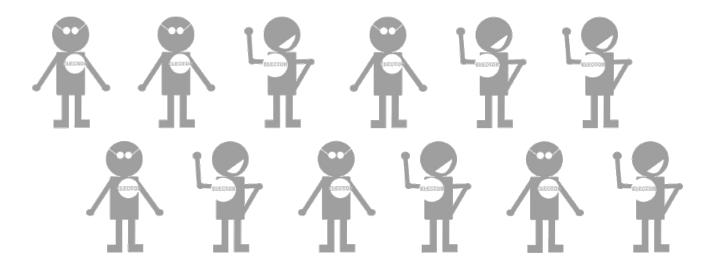
Presidential Electors

After the election, the 11 electors met in Olympia at the State Capitol for a public ceremony. The electors voted for the presidential ticket as decided by Washington's voters.



2016 Electoral College

In 2016, Washington State will award 12 electoral votes for the presidential ticket that wins the majority of votes in our state.



Electors in each state will gather on December 19. They will vote for the presidential ticket decided by their voters. There are a total of 538 electoral votes in the nation.