



When you vote for the President you are actually voting for an ELECTOR to vote for you

Each state has a determined number of electors

A state's number of electors is the total number of Senators and Representatives in the House

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2 senators
9 representatives

Total 11 electors



There are a total of 538 electoral votes

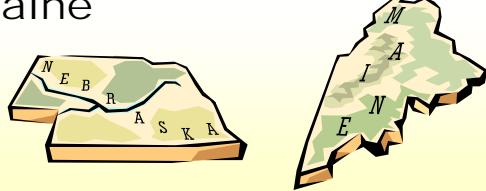
(the District of Columbia is not a state but is given 3 electoral votes)



48 out of the 50 states have a "winner takes all" method

If you get the most votes in that state you get **ALL** of their electoral college votes

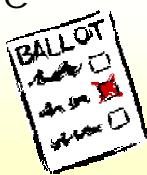
2 states are different and can divide up their votes based on congressional district - Nebraska and Maine



A candidate must have 270 electoral votes to win the Presidential election



If no single candidate gets the required 270 electoral votes then the House of Representatives votes to decide the President



It is possible to get more votes overall in the election from the entire country and **NOT** be elected President

Happened in 2000 with Gore vs Bush

Total Votes in 2000 Election:

Bush 50,461,092 total votes (47.9%)
271 Electoral Votes

Gore 50,994,086 total votes (48.4%)
266 Electoral Votes

Nader 2,882,728 total votes (2.7%)
0 Electoral College Votes

2000 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

