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AP Gov Review: Video #15, Electoral Laws and Systems

Big Idea Questions	Guided Notes	Areas of Concern
What type of primary does your state have?	<p style="text-align: center;">Voting Laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the Constitution, voting laws are left to the _____:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergence of _____ and literacy tests in the South• _____• How electoral votes are distributed are left to states as well (more in a few)• The Federal Government has created laws and amendments to increase voter participation<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th - _____ suffrage• 19th - _____ suffrage• _____ - Electoral votes for _____• _____ - eliminated _____• Voting Rights Act of 1965 - eliminated literacy tests, federal government could _____ voters• _____ - lowered voting age to 18 <p style="text-align: center;">Electoral College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is it?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determines who will be president and vice-president• Established by the _____ - would need an _____ to change• Why was it created?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constitutional framers were weary of the public voting• How are state's electoral votes determined?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of _____ + the number of _____ members• Example: NY has 2 Senators and _____ House members = _____ Electoral votes• How are electors chosen today?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By state parties• How many electoral votes are there?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100 Senators, _____ House Members, 3 for D.C.• How many are needed to win?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More than half = _____• How does the Electoral College work?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 48 states (Not ME and NE), it's a _____ scenario• So if Candidate A receives the most popular votes in NY, Candidate A gets all _____ votes• In ME and NE:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each _____ distributes its	

<p>How did Nebraska divide its votes in the 2008 Presidential Election?</p> <p>Is your state a "swing" state?</p>	<p>vote to a candidate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two electors representing the _____ are given to the candidate that wins the state • These two states are the _____ states in which more than one candidate can receive electoral votes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happens if no one wins an electoral majority? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the _____ amendment, the House then decides, with each state receiving 1 vote • CA with 53 electoral votes has as much power as WY with 3 • This happened in the Election of 1824, or the "Corrupt Bargain" <p style="text-align: center;">Significance of Electoral College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less populated states (WY) are often overrepresented compared to larger states (CA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WY - 586,000 = 1 vote per _____ people • CA - 39,144,000 = 1 vote per _____ people • Candidates often _____ in states that are "swing" states - OH, PA, FL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These states do not _____ for one political party 	
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