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## Electoral Influence

### Short Answer Key

1. The Electoral College is a system where each state has electors who vote for the president based on the state's popular vote.
2. The election of 1800 showed that a tie could happen, leading to the 12th Amendment, which encouraged the growth of political parties.
3. Since most states use a winner-takes-all system, third-party candidates rarely win electoral votes even if they get a lot of votes.
4. Candidates spend more time in swing states because those states can be won by either party, making them very important in the election.
5. Some people think the Electoral College should change because it makes it hard for smaller parties to compete and does not always reflect the popular vote.

