

Dear Committee Chair and Members,

Rank Choice voting can be described as instant runoff voting. While this might be a good desirable way to choose what a group of folks will have for lunch, it is a very less desirable way to choose our government representative.

RCV usually requires at least 50% of the votes be cast for one candidate. The candidate with the lowest votes is thrown out and those losers voters get evaluated and redistributed to their second VOTE. BUT KEEP IN mind if the VOTER DID NOT fill out additional candidates their VOTE is SPOILED and thrown out, thus then the percentage necessary for 50% is recalculated. ARE YOU FOLLOWING THE CALCULATIONS? In the jurisdictions that have RCV they have seen reduced turn out due to the complexities and mistrust in this method of voting. In Addition, the candidate with the most 1st candidate of CHOICE may NOT be the candidate that wins.

Have you experience an Identify Theft? Has your computer or credit cards ever been compromised? Well relying on computers to do this calculation will continue to deteriorate this states voter confidence.

Rank Choice Voting DOES NOT foster voter participation.

This is a major change in our elections and should not be decided without community and stakeholder engagement. This is a TERRIBLE bill. Please VOTE NO,.

Sincerely,
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