

RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

It's more complicated, more partisan, and less transparent.



RISKS OF RANKED-CHOICE VOTING

- 1. RCV is complicated for voters and election workers
- 2. RCV encourages fringe candidates and radical splinter parties
- 3. RCV is slow and relies on technology that many voters don't trust

HOW TO STOP RCV

States can act to stop RCV. The Legislature and governor must enact a law prohibiting RCV in state and local elections. In states without such a law, officials should oppose any attempt to adopt RCV at the state or local level.

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WHAT IS RCV?

Ranked-Choice Voiting is a complex process where voters can rank multiple candidates. If one candidate receives a majority of first-place votes, it works like any other election (the rankings are irrelevant). If not, a computer adjusts the results so that the candidate with the least first-place votes is eliminated, and first-place votes for that candidate are disregarded in favor of whoever is second-place on those ballots. Any of those ballots that do not rank a second-place candidate are thrown out. The remaining ballots are re-tabulated to see if a candidate now has a majority of adjusted first-place votes.

This process is done over and over until the computer determines that a candidate has a majority of the remaining, adjusted first-place votes. Many ballots may be thrown out, since not all voters will be willing to rank all the candidates. Thus when RCV claims to create a "majority winner," it does that by adjusting and discarding ballots. It allows a candidate who lost in the first round to win after multiple rounds of adjusted vote counting.

Not only does this process take time, it cannot even begin until every single ballot is received and processed. In other words, vote counting starts later and takes longer. In a large election, only a computer can run the complex adjustments, making RCV dependent on technology and hand-recounts and audits much harder.

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Voting Ballot
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Candidate #1
Candidate #3
Candidate #4
Candidate #5
Candidate #6

Candidate