

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Ranked Choice Voting in all General Elections

Ballot Summary: Allows voters to rank candidates by preference in all general elections. Initially votes are tallied as normal, with only first choice votes being counted. If no candidate receives a majority of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes has their votes moved to voter's next choice. This process repeats until a candidate receives a majority of all counted votes. Votes removed with no alternate assignments are not counted.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Article VI, Section 1

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: SECTION 1. Regulation of elections. -- All elections by the people shall be by direct and secret vote. General elections shall be determined by a ~~plurality~~ majority of votes cast through a process of ranked choice voting in which voters are free to rank candidates by preference on a single ballot. In instances where no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the candidate who received the fewest number of first choice votes will have their votes moved to the voters' next choice. If still, no candidate is able to receive a majority of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes will have their votes moved to their voters' next choice candidate. This process shall repeat until a candidate claims a majority of the vote. If at any point during this process, a voter has their vote eliminated because their candidate received the lowest votes prior to any candidate receiving a majority, and they fail to list a next-best alternative, their vote shall not be counted. Registration and elections shall, and political party functions may, be regulated by law; however, the requirements for a candidate with no party affiliation or for a candidate of a minor party for placement of the candidate's name on the ballot shall be no greater than the requirements for a candidate of the party having the largest number of registered voters.

Initiative Information

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