

Concerns I have about your RCV bill.

I have done research on Ranked Choice Voting, and I would like to share a few of “my” findings.

First of all, if three candidates are running and citizens cast ballots for their first-choice candidate, as well as second and third choices; if one candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, that person DOES NOT win unless he has 50% of the vote. **RANK CHOICE VOTING IS NOT A POPULAR VOTE!**

If no one receives 50% in the first round of voting the candidate with the fewest first choice votes is eliminated and all the voters who had that losing candidate down as their first choice, gets their second-choice votes assigned to the other two candidates. IS THIS ONE PERSON ONE VOTE OR VOTE FOR THE LOSING CANDIDATE AND WE WILL COUNT YOUR SECOND CHOICE VOTE TOO??

A hypothetical election among three candidates to illustrate: In round one Julie gets 39% of the vote Bob gets 38% , and Greg gets 23% of the votes. Since no one reached 50% of the vote, Greg is eliminated, and his votes are divided up. So, everyone that voted for the loser gets their second choice added to the other candidates. After the votes are sent away to a tabulation center (BECAUSE A LOCAL COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MACHINES TO COUNT RCV) the retabulated votes come back ( THIS MAY TAKE DAYS EVEN WEEEEKS). Bob gets another 13% ( 51% total)in second-choice votes from Greg, and Julie gets an extra 10% in second-choice votes ( 49% total). The winner would not be Julie who received the majority of the votes or was the popular vote getter on the first round, but the winner would be Bob with 51% of the votes on the second round.

RCV is used in general elections whereas as many candidates as want may run. For example, in the 2022 election for Minnesota Governor, there were eight candidates running on the Republican plus Democratic and Independent candidates. If RCV would have been used in this general election and the rankings picked the winner, you would probably have no one getting more than 15-25% of the vote on the first round. Thus, you would have to do multiple rounds to determine a winner. **THIS TAKES MORE TIME AND MONEY! AND SOME PEOPLES VOTES DO NOT COUNT AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE MORE THAN THEIR FIRST CHOICE VOTE COUNTED.**

Ranked Choice Voting exacerbates economic and racial disparities. According to, the policy director of American Civil Liberties Unions of Kansas, “In Minneapolis, for

example, nearly 10% of ranked choice ballots **were not counted**, most of these in low-income communities of color. Other municipalities have seen similar effects.”

We need to keep voting simple. RCV is overly complicated and confusing. I believe it deprives voters of a genuinely informed choice in our elections.

**Rank Choice Voting is not a good choice!**

A Minnesota Voter that wants one person one vote!  
Thank you for your time!!

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