



Minnesota Legislature

Senate Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans

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Testimony of Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center on SF 3868

Dear Chair Dziedzic and members of the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans,

On behalf of the Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center (RCVRC), we are pleased to offer this informational testimony on SF 3868.

The RCVRC is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan nonprofit that helps make ranked choice voting elections successful. We provide best practices, software tools, educational material, and other resources for ranked choice voting implementation to anyone interested in the voting method. Our team brings decades of experience administering elections, including statewide, municipal, and district-level ranked choice voting elections.

SF 3868 provides local governments in Minnesota the opportunity to use ranked choice voting for their local elections. If passed, Minnesota would join Colorado, New Mexico, Virginia, and Utah in providing localities with a ranked choice voting local option. Effective ranked choice voting legislation requires precise language to ensure ranked choice voting elections can be run efficiently and accurately. RCVRC had the opportunity to provide technical expertise on this bill. In coordination with local experts in Minnesota election administration, we have ensured that the bill follows best practices for RCV legislation and will fit into preexisting election administration practices for Minnesota localities.

Additionally, the legislation enables certification of ranked choice voting tabulation tools. These tools speed up the ranked choice voting process and make it easier for election administrators to conduct RCV elections. Tools such as RCVRC's RCTab and Dominion's RCV tabulator have been tested and deployed in RCV elections across the country, from Alaska to New York. The standards in this bill would enable local election officials in Minnesota to use those tools as well.

In sum, SF 3868 offers Minnesota the opportunity to set RCV standards statewide and ensure efficient, accurate RCV elections. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

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