

Ref 403: Ranked Choice Voting

Let's face it: Voters are frustrated with politics and often face limited options on their ballots. Measure 117 is a simple improvement to our elections that gives voters the option to rank their favorite candidates for federal and statewide offices in order of preference using ranked choice voting.

With over 50 places and 13 million voters using ranked choice voting across the United States – including Oregon's own Benton County – Measure 117 is a proven method to give voters more voice and choice in their elections.

Measure 117 strengthens our democracy by:

- Giving voters the option to vote how they want – by ranking multiple candidates or just one.
- Letting voters rank their favorite candidate first, without fear of wasting their vote.
- Ensuring candidates receive support from a majority of Oregonians who cast a ballot to win, so our leaders better reflect their voters.

Measure 117 was referred to the ballot with broad support from legislators representing Oregonians across the state as well as dozens of community organizations, labor unions, civic organizations, and many others. Dozens of democracy experts, election officials, and political scientists from Oregon and around the country contributed expertise to the development of this referral. As a result, Measure 117 includes a long lead time before it goes into effect in 2028, and provides resources for robust voter education to help ensure successful use by all Oregon voters.

Measure 117 is Oregon's next step toward giving voters a greater ability to make their voices heard – and more reason to participate in our elections. Now, we are asking you to join us in giving voters more say in who is elected to our statewide and federal offices.