

HOUSE BILL 2004 RANKED CHOICE VOTING

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OREGONIANS SUPPORT STATEWIDE RANKED CHOICE VOTING

BETTER REPRESENTATION
Ranked choice voting (RCV) leads to more reflective outcomes and improves representation – in cities that adopted RCV, women¹ and candidates of color² have won 24% more races compared to non-RCV races.

PROVEN SUPPORT
Oregonians across all demographics support RCV – including 75% of BIPOC voters, 85% of young voters, and 58% of voters outside the five most populous counties.

VOTERS PREFER IT
Over 60% of Oregonians support RCV, and in cities and states where it has been adopted, 73% of voters who have used it prefer RCV to our current system.³

HB 2004:










- Refers ranked choice voting (RCV) to the 2024 ballot for a 2028 implementation
- Establishes RCV elections for statewide and federal offices, for both primary and general elections with three or more candidates
- Provides a local option for cities and counties to use RCV elections
- Helps ensure standardized implementation

HB 2004 does **not** create an open primary or include state legislative races. HB 2004 is a referral, giving voters the final decision to adopt it or not. The bill provides for a culturally-responsive statewide voter education campaign to ensure all voters will be comfortable with RCV ballots.



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	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate A			
Candidate B			
Candidate C			

THE PROBLEM

Our elections aren't working well for voters or candidates alike. 71% of Oregon voters are "extremely" or "very" discouraged by politics, and the trend is only getting worse. Fear of "vote splitting" affects both voters and candidates: Candidates are often deterred from entering a race for fear of splitting voter support and voters are often forced to choose a candidate with a better chance of winning, instead of the candidate they actually prefer. As a result, many Oregonians – especially people of color, working-class people, rural residents, and young people – are less incentivized to participate in our elections.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING: A BETTER WAY TO REFLECT VOTERS' CHOICES

More Reflective Representation



Ranked choice voting (RCV) encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to run for office – giving voters more choices and creating results that better reflect their communities. Cities that use RCV elections have seen more women, people of color, working class people, and young people run for office – and win.⁴

Increased Voter Satisfaction



RCV ensures voters have more power to express their preferences and be confident in voting for candidates whose values they share. By allowing voters to rank candidates, their vote becomes more meaningful, has a greater impact, and leads to outcomes they are more satisfied with.

A Statewide Solution



RCV is a simple improvement that will lead to more reflective elections for Oregonians from every community. With more than 60 jurisdictions across the U.S. using RCV, we know RCV works, we know voters prefer it, and we know how to implement it.

RCV gives voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference: first choice, second choice, third choice, etc. Voters can rank only one candidate, if they prefer. Ballots are counted in rounds. If no candidate has over 50%, the candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated and ballots are instantly counted for a voter's next choice until there's a majority winner. Voters and candidates alike can be confident that elections will be won by those with the broadest support.

- ¹ Represent Women, [In Ranked Choice Elections, Women WIN](#)
- ² National Civic League, [Ranked Choice Voting: The New Norm Across the Bay Area](#)
- ³ FairVote, [Exit Surveys: Voters Evaluate Ranked Choice Voting After First Use](#)
- ⁴ FairVote, [Research and Data on RCV in Practice](#)

QUESTIONS?

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