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Too many times in politics the rules are filled with gimmicks and escape clauses that permit politicians to subvert the actual will of the people they govern, usually in favor of the people who finance their campaigns. Spoiler candidates, super-majority rules, the electoral college, 'professional courtesy' about avoiding a quorum, all are cherished ways of subverting the two-party system in our state.

Ranked choice voting will give voters some ability to counter the tricksters' gimmicks, and prevent some of the abuses of "democracy" as currently practiced.

It is a safe way to give more power to voters, supporting nuanced choices on complex issues, and making the voters' will MUCH more evident to the politicians who should enact that will.

I support HB2004 sincerely and whole heartedly.