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I am strongly in favor of HB2004 and ranked-choice voting in general. While there's no Definite Best Option for how to do voting, there *is* a distinctly worst option: first-past-the-post. We as a country, and thus the states, have been stuck with it for far too long, forced to live in a world of voting not *for* people that you like, but *against* people that you don't. First-past-the-post makes for more acrimonious elections, and exacerbates political divides by turning each election into a contest of "choose the least-bad option."

Ranked choice offers a massive improvement. We get to vote our conscience in every election, and know that either the person we voted for wins, or our vote will get transferred down to our second choice, and so on. Instead of choosing the 'least bad' option to vote for, we get to choose who we actually want, and the voting system itself takes care of the rest.