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LD 1991

I'm writing in opposition to LD 1991, An Act Regarding Gubernatorial Primary Elections.

In my lifetime, there has been no single issue that has upset me as much as ranked choice voting. I have no doubt that RCV is unconstitutional and I wish somebody would take it to the Supreme Court and settle it once and for all. I believe if an honest and clear question was ever placed on the ballot asking the people of Maine if they want to keep RCV or get rid of it, they would vote to get rid of it. This belief is supported by the fact that none of my family, friends or coworkers support RCV. In fact, I don't know a single person who does.

Democratic choice, within the confines of our constitutional republic, forms the bedrock of America's system of governance. Adopting a simple, fair, and secure voting system is fundamental to democratic elections. It is clear that plurality elections are much simpler and easier to understand than races determined by ranked-choice voting.

An analysis of 96 ranked-choice voting elections from across the country showed that the voting system produces false majorities, frequently exhausts more than 10 percent of ballots cast on Election Day, and further disenfranchises voters who are already less likely to vote.

While proponents of ranked-choice voting may claim the new voting system is a better alternative to traditional voting systems, the plurality system offers voters an easier method of selecting representatives without the false promises of ranked-choice voting.

I urge this committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 1991.