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LD 234

I support LD 234 “An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting.”

As I understand it, this bill repeals the laws governing ranked-choice voting in:

1. Primary elections for the offices of President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative to Congress, Governor, State Senator and State Representative;
2. General and special elections for the offices of United States Senator and United States Representative to Congress; and
3. General elections for presidential electors.

When ranked-choice voting was first proposed by out-of-state political operatives and mega-donors, it was billed as a new election system that would improve voter participation, create a more civil dialogue in our political process, and elect the ‘majority’ winner.”

The promises supporters of ranked-choice voting made – funded with massive amounts of out-of-state-money, have been proven unequivocally false:

RCV is NOT a more fair or equal process. It allows some voters to get multiple votes, while some only get one vote.

RCV does NOT create majority winners. In fact, some people’s ballots are “exhausted” and thrown out in the counting.

RCV does NOT make elections more civil or cut down on negative politics.

RCV does NOT increase participation. In fact, it serves as voter suppression.

RCV is NOT simple. Maine’s experience shows a much higher rate of voter error and spoiled ballots.

RCV costs our cities, towns and state more money than traditional elections.

RCV has already been found unconstitutional in state general elections. Why should we use it anywhere?

Again, I support LD 234 “An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting”, and it “ought to pass.”