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I support LD 234 "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-Choice Voting."

The promises supporters of ranked-choice voting made have NOT happened.

RCV is NOT a more fair or equal process. It allows some voters to get multiple votes, while some only get one vote. Some people's ballots are "exhausted" and thrown out in the counting.

RCV does NOT create majority winners.

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

RCV does NOT increase participation.

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? SUPPORT THE COMMONSENSE PRACTICE OF ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE.

Again, I SUPPORT LD 234 "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-Choice Voting". I urge OUGHT TO PASS.

Thank you.