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LD 234

I urge a yes vote on LD 234. Ranked choice voting has been in effect for several years with a very negative effect on older voters. Many of the elderly are very confused and have received several different instructions on how it should be done. Some of them just give up and do not vote. This is resulting in a suppression of votes for a class of people.

It is also cumbersome, expensive, and time consuming to go through the process. It could cause a several days delay in announcing the winner. I am also concerned about the chain of custody and the security of the boxes as ballots are moved from one end of the state to the other. It did not solve the perceived problem of a candidate winning without a majority of the votes. The new process still generates winners that do not have a majority of the original votes cast as some votes are thrown away. We have tried it, it doesn't work, time to go back to the process that worked for well over 200 years. I urge a yes vote on LD234.