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LD 1422

I VERY, VERY STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1422, An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting. I have read this bill several times and I', still not sure what it says. I do know it is so convoluted that we may NEVER have a winner unless someone cheats! First and foremost, all but two states that chose to do RCV have discontinued it. Maine is stupidly one of the two. It is the most ridiculous form of voting for a person who is going to run our country, state or municipality that was ever designed to taint an election. This one beats them all. An open primary for US Senate and Rep. All on the same ballot, no split up between parties. Non-members get to vote on party candidates on the final round, whatever that means. The votes will be tabulated by RCV, a very questionable process, except for Governor and state Senate and Rep. The top 4 winners for US Senate and US Rep are brought forward to the General election and decided by RCV. If someone dies in the meanwhile, there seat is declared vacant and there is another election, I guess, it doesn't say. There are no write-ins allowed! Phew! What a NIGHTMARE! We may not have a winner in months, with challenges and the onerous process of RCV. And even then, can anyone be sure. Do we really need such a preposterous process as this to have an election. And will anyone ever feel that their vote got counted. Will they ever wonder if the right person won or if they just flipped a coin in a back room to end it all?!?! It is RIDICULOUS! We can do better than this awful bill. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1422. Thank you so much!