

Rank Choice Voting (RCV) was approved by Question 5 on November 8, 2016. There have been attempts in the following years to repeal the decision.

The State legislature refuses to understand that every election year the voter confusion with RCV has become more frustrating. You can call different town halls and you get a different answer as to how you should vote using RCV.

Maine has the largest elder population and many do not use the internet, email or social media. Many are confused that they just don't vote or blank the ballot.

Last year RCV was defeated in AZ, CO, ID, NV and OR on the ballot. In 2023 ID, MT and SD said no to RCV. 2022 FL, TN rejected RCV. MA defeated RCV in 2020.

In the past three years there has been more state RCV bans than new authorizations.

2024 election the CD2 race had to be recounted because Congressman Golden did not receive 51% of the vote. The recount showed that there were ballots that the 1<sup>st</sup> choice box had not been checked off. That could be accounted for the fact that voters are confused.

Votes should be counted on Election Day. The CD2 election count dragged out into Dec. Voters in Maine deserve better.

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