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LD 1422

I oppose LD 1422 “An Act Regarding Open Primary Elections and Ranked-choice Voting.”

All voters would receive the same primary ballot on election day listing all candidates for a given office on the same ballot, including unenrolled candidates and declared write-ins.

This proposal would then see these open primary ballots tabulated using ranked choice voting (except for President). Depending upon the office, either the top two or top four candidates would then go on to appear on the general election ballot.

Theoretically, this means that multiple candidates from the same political party could appear on the general election ballot while other parties may be left off entirely. Imagine that, all Democrats on the general election ballot?

This system sounds like free-for-all, intended to send a single party to the general election, with Ranked Choice Voting thrown in to further confuse the voter, and provide artificial majorities for some candidates.

I oppose LD 1422 and it “ought not to pass.”