

Senators:

Please vote NO on SB 343 "RCV local adoption efforts", or amend it to include local adoption efforts for approval voting and STAR voting as well as RCV.

Ranked-choice voting (RCV) a.k.a. Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) should not be privileged over approval and STAR voting in this way 1) because it does not deliver much of what it promises -- a) not an unmistakably clear ballot, b) not the certainty that voters can always vote for their favorite candidate without fear of wasting their vote, i.e., without having to vote for the lesser evil in order to prevent the greater evil from winning, and c) not guaranteed majority winners -- and because it has trouble handling elections with numerous candidates and lacks ballot and precinct sumability, all as described in my comments on SB 791; and 2) because studies show that approval voting and especially STAR voting are doing much better at accomplishing RCV's own good goals.

So again, please vote NO on SB 343 "RCV local adoption efforts", or amend it to include local adoption efforts for approval voting and STAR voting as well as RCV, and vote YES on HB 3241 to establish a task force to look more deeply into all of these voting system alternatives, and then let the data show the way.

Thanks much,

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