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This bill ELIMINATES ONE VOTE PER CITIZEN by authorizing cities, counties, metropolitan service districts and local government and local service districts to elect to use ranked-choice voting to nominate or elect candidates for relevant offices.

While Maine and Alaska ( <https://thefederalist.com/2023/03/02/south-dakota-and-montana-join-states-seeking-to-ban-ranked-choice-voting/> ) are currently the only two states that employ such a system, the results from their elections since implementing RCV have produced outcomes that contradict “THE WILL” of voters. RCV is messy and ends up not representing “THE WILL” of the people. Also, the change to an RCV system is highly expensive and that expense will undoubtedly be passed on to Oregonians as another tax. Further, the Oregon AG has openly admitted that the current electronic voting systems are hackable. Why add more “electronic systems” and mechanics that are hackable and have no clear structure or process for forensic auditing? It is already very difficult to get Oregon to be forthcoming and transparent about their election processes and procedures. How can we trust our state to manage a new system that is as complicated and confusing as the proposed RCV voting structure? NO MACHINES, NO RCV, paper ballots HAND COUNTED ONLY. The people have spoken many times when will Oregon's representation listen to their employer?