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I oppose rank choice voting for 2 main reasons. First, as a Democrat or Republican, I want to see a member of my party on the ballot for office. With rank choice voting, I could see 2 members of the same party on the final ballot. Our system is basically a 2-party system, and we should have at least 2 distinct choices for an office. If there were 2 Democrats or 2 Republicans on the final ballot, the choices would not be diverse enough, and I believe would lead to far fewer voters voting . Second, asking the public to vote for a first choice, and a second choice, and possibly a third choice for one office, truly waters down the system. Especially for important offices such as President and Governor, the voter needs to make one decision as to whom they believe is the best person for the job. Second place is not the person you want to make important decisions, and voting for someone in 2nd place is like voting for a loser. Please oppose this bill!