

# HOUSE BILL 2004 RANKED CHOICE VOTING

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## IT'S TIME FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING STATEWIDE

**BETTER REPRESENTATION**  
Ranked choice voting (RCV) leads to more reflective outcomes and improves representation – in cities that adopted RCV, women<sup>1</sup> and candidates of color<sup>2</sup> have won 24% more races compared to non-RCV races.

**PROVEN SUCCESS**  
Used or adopted in over 60 jurisdictions across the U.S., including four in our own state, RCV is Oregon's next step as a leader in election reform.

**VOTERS PREFER IT**  
With RCV, voters can honestly express their values on their ballots, and on average, 73% of voters prefer it to our current system.<sup>3</sup>

### HB 2004:










- Establishes RCV elections for all statewide and federal offices, for both primary and general elections with three or more candidates
- Provides a local option for cities and counties to use RCV elections
- Helps to ensure standardized implementation for county clerks

HB 2004 does not create an open primary nor does it include state legislative races. **HB 2004 paves the way for an effective, multilingual, and culturally responsive statewide voter education campaign** to ensure all voters across the state understand and are comfortable with RCV ballots.



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## RANKED CHOICE VOTING

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Candidate A			
Candidate B			
Candidate C			

### THE PROBLEM

Our current “choose-one” elections forces voters to choose a more viable candidate instead of their actual preference. Fear of vote splitting discourages candidates from entering a race and races with three or more candidates often results in a winner with less than 50% of the vote, meaning more people voted for losing candidates than for winning ones. With local jurisdictions already turning to alternative election processes, there is a growing need for standardization of resources for both county clerks and voter education.

### RANKED CHOICE VOTING: A BETTER WAY TO REFLECT VOTERS' CHOICES



#### More Reflective Representation

RCV encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to run for office and allows voters more meaningful choices, creating results that reflect the true will of voters. Cities that have switched to RCV elections have seen more women, people of color, working class people, and young people not only run for office, but win.<sup>4</sup>



#### Increased Voter Satisfaction

RCV ensures that voters have more power to express their preferences and vote for candidates whose values they share. By allowing voters to rank candidates, their vote becomes more meaningful, has a greater impact, and, ultimately, leads to an outcome they are more satisfied with.



#### A Statewide Solution

RCV is a simple improvement to our elections that will lead to more reflective elected bodies for Oregonians from every community. With more than 60 jurisdictions across the U.S. using RCV, proven resources for effective implementation and accessible voter education are at our fingertips.

RCV gives voters the option to rank candidates in order of preference: first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on. Voters can still choose to only rank one candidate, if they prefer. Ballots are counted in rounds, in which candidates with the fewest votes are eliminated and ballots are automatically counted using a voter's next choice until there's a majority winner. Simply put, RCV means candidates must earn broad support from voters across all communities.

- <sup>1</sup> Represent Women, [In Ranked Choice Elections, Women WIN](#)
- <sup>2</sup> National Civic League, [Ranked Choice Voting: The New Norm Across the Bay Area](#)
- <sup>3</sup> FairVote, [Exit Surveys: Voters Evaluate Ranked Choice Voting After First Use](#)
- <sup>4</sup> FairVote, [Research and Data on RCV in Practice](#)

### QUESTIONS?

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