

We should pass HB2004 because ranked choice:

1. Promoting Majority Rule: RCV ensures that the winning candidate has the support of a majority of voters, rather than just a plurality.
2. Reducing Negative Campaigning: RCV discourages negative campaigning because candidates must appeal to a broader range of voters, including those who may rank them as their second or third choice.
3. Encouraging Third-Party Candidates: RCV creates a more level playing field for third-party candidates, who may have difficulty gaining traction under a winner-takes-all system.
4. Saving Money: RCV can reduce the need for costly runoff elections and eliminate the need for primary elections in some cases.
5. Increasing Voter Turnout: RCV can increase voter turnout by giving voters more choices and making them feel that their vote has more impact.