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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3166

Right to the point... HB 3166 is just another attempt to override the voters on M 117. Voters made this crystal clear that they are opposed.

Voting should be simple process where voters cast a ballot for their preferred candidate. The candidate with the most votes wins. Where elections require over 50% of the votes for a candidate to win, there is a runoff. Why change, this works.

RSV wreaks havoc on this process, is confusing to voters and the various counting schemes are so complicated, mistakes can easily be made. This measure would result in some elections to be ranked and others to not be ON THE SAME BALLOT. This is extremely confusing and may cause voters to fill out their ballot incorrectly and have their vote not count at all. The complex mechanics of RCV are easily misunderstood by both those counting and those whose votes are being counted. Confused or disenfranchised voters tend to not vote at all. There is nothing democratic about it.

RCV would result in ballots being counted multiple times. Common sense dictates that RCV, by its very nature produces confusing results that may delayed and not be known for some time.

People want their vote counted for the candidate that they choose, plain and simple. We absolutely need to keep it that way.