

Resolution Opposing the Implementation of Ranked Choice Voting

WHEREAS, the simplicity and integrity of the electoral process are fundamental for a fair, transparent, and easily understandable electoral system in a constitutional republic;

WHEREAS, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) also known as Instant Runoff Voting, introduces a complexity to the voting process by requiring voters to rank multiple candidates in order of preference, confusing voters, and increasing the likelihood of errors in vote tabulation and lead to voter disenfranchisement;

WHEREAS, RCV undermines the “one person, one vote” by allowing certain votes to be weighed more heavily, where the winning candidate may not receive a majority of the initial first-choice votes, and which may not accurately reflect the will of the majority;

WHEREAS, jurisdictions who have implemented RCV have increased ballot exhaustion where voters’ preferences are discarded if they do not rank all candidates, resulting in some voters being excluded from the final decision;

WHEREAS, the implementation of RCV often requires costly upgrades to voting systems and extensive voter education and administrative overhauls, can place an undue burden on local governments and taxpayers;

WHEREAS, evidence has not shown a consistent improvement in voter turnout, or campaign civility as a result of RCV implementation;

WHEREAS, supporters of RCV seek to eliminate or disempower party primaries; and

WHEREAS, RCV can cause significant delays in determining election winners, often preventing results from being finalized on election night, thereby undermining public confidence in the electoral process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alcona County Republican Party opposes the adoption of Ranked Choice Voting in any electoral process in Michigan elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alcona County Republican Party urges elected officials and policymakers to uphold the electoral process consistent with the current voting systems, that are simple, transparent, ensure clarity, fairness and accessibility for all voters.

Approved by the Alcona County Republican Party on 07/28/2025

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