



**YES!
END
RCV**

24ESEG Ballot Initiative

Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting

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History of **Ranked Choice Voting** in Alaska

Measure 2 (19AKBE) Passed Narrowly

NO

170,251 (49.45%)

Election Results

YES

174,032 (50.55%)

One-Sided Funding

YES spent nearly **\$7 million**

(overwhelmingly from out-of-state sources)

NO spent about **\$579,000**

What did **19AKBE** Change?

Ranked Choice Voting

Top-Four Jungle Primary

Certain Campaign Disclosure Rules & Fines



Ranked Choice Voting

Not Representative Democracy

In the 2022 special election, nearly **15,000 Alaskan votes were thrown out** before Mary Peltola was declared the winner.

Despite 60% of voters casting a ballot for a member of a different party in the first round, **Peltola won by 5,129** – after votes were trashed and redistributed in subsequent rounds.

11,000 votes were trashed in the second round alone.

2024 Repeal Effort (22AKHE) Fails Narrowly

NO

160,973 (50%)

Election Results

YES

160,230 (50%)

One-Sided Funding

YES to Repeal RCV **\$166,000**

NO to Repeal RCV **\$14.8 Million**
(overwhelmingly out-of-state)

Repeal lost by only **743 Votes**

Repeal was outspent **90:1**

A powerful flow of out-of-state money is the only reason ranked choice voting still exists.
It is on life support.

24ESEG in 2026

24ESEG Ballot Title Summary:

An Act Restoring Political Party Primaries,
Ending Ranked-Choice General Elections,
and Repealing Recent Campaign
Finance Laws

24ESEG will do only one thing:

Repeal 19AKBE from 2020

Repeals Ranked Choice Voting

Restores Open-to-Undeclared Primaries

Returns to Pre-2020 Campaign Finance Laws

Why **Repeal** Ranked Choice Voting?



Exhausted Ballots

Three Easy Ways to Get Your Ballot Trashed:

Vote Your Conscience

Get Tired of Ranking

Make a Mistake on a
Bubble Sheet with
60+ Choices

Ranked Choice Voting is Unnecessarily Complex

Voter Fatigue &
Confusion Follow

United States President / Vice President								
	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice	7th Choice	8th Choice
Harris, Kamala D. Walz, Tim (Democratic Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Kennedy, Robert F. Jr. Shanahan, Nicole (Petition Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Oliver, Chase ter Maat, Mike (Libertarian Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Sonski, Peter Onak, Lauren (American Solidarity Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Stein, Jill Ware, Rudolph (Petition Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Terry, Randall A. Brodin, Stephen E. (Constitution Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
Trump, Donald J. Vance, JD (Republican Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8
West, Cornel Abdullah, Melina (Aurora Nominee)	<input type="radio"/> 1	<input type="radio"/> 2	<input type="radio"/> 3	<input type="radio"/> 4	<input type="radio"/> 5	<input type="radio"/> 6	<input type="radio"/> 7	<input type="radio"/> 8



Duh.

One-Person, One-Vote

This has been the bedrock of the American Republic for 250 years

Ranked Choice Voting electronically tabulates multiple rounds of voting

Each round is a new vote

This means: one person, many votes

Increased Irregularities

Alameda County had a tabulating error that resulted in the **first place finisher coming in third.**
Only caught two months later.

NYC Mayoral race **accidentally** included 135,000 “test ballots” in their posted results.

Maine CD 2 had a “**technical snafu**” that led to two memory sticks which recorded 16,000 ballots being corrupted.

Unrepresentative **Results**

In the 10-person race in Portland, Maine, one of the eventual winners only had **4% of the vote** on the initial ballot. Two of the top-four vote getters eventually lost.

In Maine CD 2, one candidate was leading by over 1200 votes and lost only after **8,253 ballots were thrown out.**

In San Francisco, the winner of an election only had **12% of the vote** in round one. They won only after a staggering 20 rounds of voting.



Results Take Too Long & Create Distrust

Alaska's results already took a **painfully-long** time to tabulate. Ranked choice voting made it even worse.

The process is **so complex** that full human hand counts are impossible. You turn your entire voting system over to a computer algorithm and cross your fingers a programmer got it right.



BANNED

Banned in 19 States and Counting

They understand; If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Ranked Choice Voting **Fails** to Deliver

Trashes Ballots

Confuses Voters

Undermines One-Person, One-Vote

Sneaky Irregularities

Unrepresentative Results

Results Take Even Longer

Results Can't Be Hand-Checked

Open-to-Unaffiliated Primaries

Confronting the Myth

Repealing 19AKBE will **NOT** result in “Closed” primaries

The US Supreme Court defined **“Closed Primary”** in California **Democratic Party v Jones (2000)**

A primary “in which only a political party’s members can vote on its nominees.”

The Bipartisan Policy Group

Alaskan primaries as far back as they tracked are categorized as **“Open to Unaffiliated”** voters.

After repeal, Alaska will return to Open-to-Unaffiliated primaries.

Bipartisan Policy Group Definitions

Primary Grouping	Primary Type	Description
Nonpartisan	Blanket	All candidates appear on one ballot, top vote-getter from each party advances
	Top-four	All candidates appear on one ballot, top four vote-getters advance
	Top-two	All candidates appear on one ballot, top two vote-getters advance
	Jungle	All candidates appear on one ballot, top two vote-getters advance; if a candidate wins a simple majority of votes, he or she is elected
Open	Open	Voters pick which party's ballot to vote
	Partially open	Voters pick which party's ballot to vote, but this may be public and count as registration with the party
	Open to unaffiliated	Unaffiliated voters pick which party's ballot to vote, but affiliated voters can only vote using their party's ballot
Closed	Closed	Only party members can vote for their party

Bipartisan Policy Group **Praise** for Open-to-Unaffiliated and Nonpartisan Primaries

“It has been proposed that more open and nonpartisan primaries can help increase voter turnout and facilitate a more representative electorate.”

“More open and nonpartisan primaries do not just make it easier for unaffiliated voters to participate - under these circumstances, voters actually do participate at higher rates in a way that better reflects the general electorate.”

Disclosure Rules

Incumbent Protection

Dark Money Still Flows

Disclosure Rules are **Burdensome** for Small Campaigns

Candidates who represent Alaska's grassroots or any small-dollar campaign get flooded with pages of regulations and potential fines.

Big money campaigns with teams of lawyers and accountants funded by lower 48 dark money get by just fine.

Try to be compliant, still get a complaint.

Out-of-State Dark Money Keeps Flowing

When you have **\$15 million** in out-of-state dark money flowing into Alaska, the money overwhelms any disclaimer.

Meanwhile, smaller in-state candidates and organizations need to spend up to **1/3 of their advertising dollars** on space for a long disclaimer - as well as the heavy compliance costs.



Whose Interests are Being Protected?

Answer: Incumbents running sophisticated out-of-state dark money schemes.

NOT Alaskan voters.



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