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Dear House State Affairs Committee,

Rank Choice voting is destroying the voting system in our state. The primary election had one person who was not even vetted to be on the ballot. It was supposed to rid our elections of dark money and

MORE dark money poured into our state in record amount.

It was supposed to make voting easier and was not, less people voted on record in relation to our population. The confusion and non understanding of the process had more spoiled ballots than ever before. I volunteered (non-paid) at a polling location and there were over 80 destroyed ballots out of about 1200 voters. That is about 6.67% persons not able to vote with understanding and had difficulty; some even destroyed their ballot and left not even making their ballot count. Sadly our state is shrinking voter count instead of increasing participation.

AND to wait weeks for a final count as to the winners when states MUCH larger than Alaska hand count their ballots and have final numbers by midnight on voting day is horrendous. We are going back in time. Sad, so sad that our legislative branch even allowed this to be on the ballot years ago. As you being on the Committee for State Affairs we need to go back to voting as people know the process and those persons will return to the ballot box to vote in future elections.

Please pass this bill HB4 to rid rank choice voting from our state and return to the voting system that voters know and understand.

Kindly,

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