

HB1514 – UNFAVORABLE UNCONSTITUTIONAL !

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As I stated in my testimonies for HB0423 and SB0493, I strongly oppose this bill because rank choice voting would lend to a no party system. The majority vote ends up going to an individual and the multi-/bi-partisan system we have today would basically be eliminated.

More importantly however, is the long term tendency for this kind of voting system which has been shown by mathematicians and statistical analysts to eventually trend towards a majority vote based system where the **minority losses it's representation all together**. This then becomes unconstitutional under the Maryland Constitution AND under the US Constitution. The constitution sets up our form of government as a Constitutional Republic providing tiers of elections from the many states and their electoral college. Having a majority taking over the election squashes the minority which is exactly what the founders were trying to avoid.

While the RCV eludes to a better system it deceptively degrades our rights to fair elections and becomes **UNCONSTITUTIONAL**.

100% OPPOSE this bill. It was a test case in Montgomery. Stop there.

Thank you.

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