

SB 913 - Election Law - Approval Voting - Authorization for County Elections

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Good Afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee -

I am here to present, Senate Bill 913 - a measure giving counties the ability to, should they wish to do so, adopt approval voting.

Approval voting has been implemented in a number of municipal elections throughout the nation, as you'll hear from this panel today.

Approval voting is not rank choice voting. **In fact, there is a QR code on the screen now that, should you choose to do so, you can see how easy approval voting can be.**

From those who implemented this voting method reform, they have found that this method is intuitive for voters, simple to administer, transparent about how the winner was determined, and clear about the full extent of support for each candidate.

Again, this is authorizing legislation that gives each county the ability to implement this voting method should it desire to do so. As such, I believe this is worthy for this committee's consideration and I am glad to be joined by a panel who will answer any technical questions that you may have, and I urge a favorable report of this bill.