

HB1010

Favorable

I am a 9 year resident of Bethesda, a regular voter, retired from NASA, and one of your favorite election judges.

I have a request: please support bill HB1010.

HB1010 is important because it equips election administrators with *state certified* tools for running Ranked Choice Voting elections. Ensuring election integrity is paramount, so all tools used to run elections must be certified. Providing certified tools at the state level reduces costs to the citizens of Maryland and it enables all jurisdictions to use the same tools and thereby minimizes confusion.

RCV is much superior to the plurality voting which we use today. RCV practically eliminates 'dishonest voting' where one votes for a candidate with a good shot to win rather than the candidate one really wants to win.

Moreover, RCV selects a MAJORITY winner. That is huge. It motivates candidates to appeal to a larger segment of their constituency. Candidates cannot win by just mobilizing a fervent minority base.

Lastly, RCV is VERY WELL established: Australia and Ireland have used it in national elections for over 100 years. RCV is not experimental.

Please give us better elections in Maryland by supporting this bill that will promote better elections with integrity, simplicity, and efficiency.

Thank you,

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