



# Preserve Local Elections

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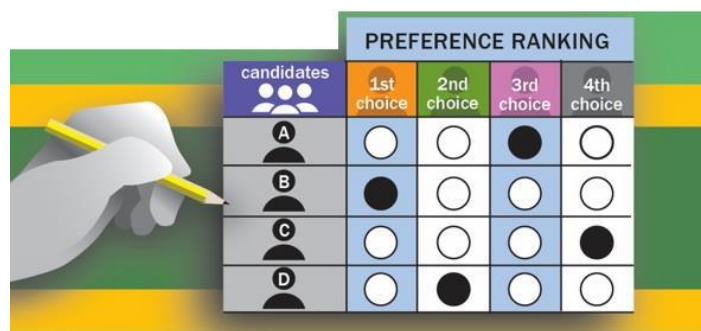
## Background information:

Amendment 7 was put on the ballot by the Missouri legislature on the last day of the session. Its main purpose, as seen in the floor debate, is to ban ranked choice voting.

Though most Republicans voted for it, the primary results of August 6 show how much Republicans would benefit from ranking if they used it in their primaries:

Ranking means that voters select their first preference, and if they wish to, their second and third (it sometimes goes up to five). Instead of being stuck voting for just one candidate and then being disenfranchised on the rest of the candidates, they have their say on who would be more acceptable to them if their first choice doesn't win.

Then it's an instant run-off: the candidate who gets the fewest votes in the first round drops and those votes go to the voters' second rankings. The rounds continue until someone has a majority.



As we explain in more detail on our website's page for Republicans:

In the governor's race, Mike Kehoe got 39.4% of the vote, with Eigel and Ashcroft also having substantial showings. Would Kehoe have gotten enough second or third rankings to give him majority support in the final round? If so, making his case in the general election would be stronger. Since ranking is used in over 50 U.S. cities now (20 in Utah alone), we know this happens about 4 times in 5 – the candidate with the most votes in the first round of counting still has the majority in the final round.

But if those second and third preferences would have gone more to Ashcroft or Eigel, then the majority has been denied who it wanted. And the best quality candidate for the Republicans to send into the general election is more likely to be who the majority of Republicans wanted.

In the Secretary of State's race, Denny Hoskins got only 24.2% of the votes - not even a quarter. Over 75% of the voters chose someone else, at least at first. With so many people in the race, the winner was more arbitrary than is good for the Republicans. If their best candidate is someone who has majority support from Republicans, then they deliberately decided not to send their best candidate to the general election.