



Preserve Local Elections

vote-no-ranking-ban.org

Contacts:

Rachel MacNair, Voice and text: 816-753-2057

Larry Bradley, Voice and text: 402-321-4851

Background information:

On November 5, Missourians state-wide will vote on Amendment 7, put on the ballot by the Missouri legislature. Its main purpose is to prohibit ranked choice voting.

Facts below come from the recent report: [The 2024 presidential primaries and ranked choice voting - FairVote](#)

“Zombie” Votes - votes for candidates who had already dropped out

In the presidential primaries:

- In 2024, there were over 300,000 zombie Republican votes.
- In 2016, there were roughly 700,000 zombie Republican votes.
- In 2020, there were over 3 million zombie votes for Democrats.

Zombie votes are especially common with early voting since the candidate dropped out after the voter voted. They can also happen when the candidate’s name is still on the ballot and the voter is unaware the candidate dropped out.

Solution? In the Republican primary in the U.S. Virgin Islands, voters were able to rank their preferences – their first choice, second choice, third choice. About 10% cast their first choice for a candidate who had already dropped out. But those didn’t become zombie votes, because their votes then moved in the second round of counting to their second choice, then to the third. They ended up voting for someone who had not dropped out.




Dropouts

Especially in the presidential elections, many candidates dropped out even before any votes were cast, and the 2024 presidential Republican primary was down to only two candidates on the first large multi-state election day. This left voters with fewer options.

Many dropped out for fear of splitting the vote with other similar candidates. Ranked choice voting eliminates the danger of similar candidates dividing the vote of the majority so that a candidate without majority support wins.

Amendment 7

Some people will be convinced by these advantages and others might not be. Amendment 7, by prohibiting elections to decide whether or not to have ranked choice voting, would shut down the debate.

	1st	2nd	3rd
 Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Candidate B	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
 Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>