



Preserve Local Elections

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Background Information:

A fiscal note is required on all ballot measures. For Amendment 7, it says:

"State and local government entities estimate no costs or savings."

This is accurate inasmuch as it was only state and local government entities who were consulted. However, this leads voters to an inaccurate understanding of the actual financial costs of the measure.

It could lead to an outcome that costs Kansas City well over half a million dollars every four years. Other cities, suburbs or towns that have enough candidates for office to have two elections for city elections - a primary and a general - would also have to continue spending money on that second election if Amendment 7 passes.

Without this amendment, they could hold an election to see if voters would like an instant run-off, which is another term for ranked-choice voting. Then for the candidate races the first election settles who won, the second election becomes unnecessary, and the taxpayers save the cost of the second election. Along with all the personal costs that come with going to vote again a few weeks later.

On the cost of voting machines - all recently manufactured machines have the capability to run ranked elections. Only those places with old machines would be required to upgrade them if they wished to use ranked-choice voting. There are only a few of those jurisdictions in Missouri. They could take this into account when making their decision.

One more possible cost: for those that do decide to use ranking, there could be some expense in voter education to be sure everyone was up to speed on it. For those skipping a second election, this cost would be far less than the cost of that second election - a net savings. And again, this is a factor voters could take into account in deciding whether or not they want to use ranking.

Amendment 7 dictates to local communities that they can no longer decide whether or not they wish to use this cost-saving measure.

SAMPLE Ranked Voting Ballot

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Candidate A	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate B	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Candidate C	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Candidate D	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>