

# Ranked Choice Voting

Kansas Special Committee on Elections  
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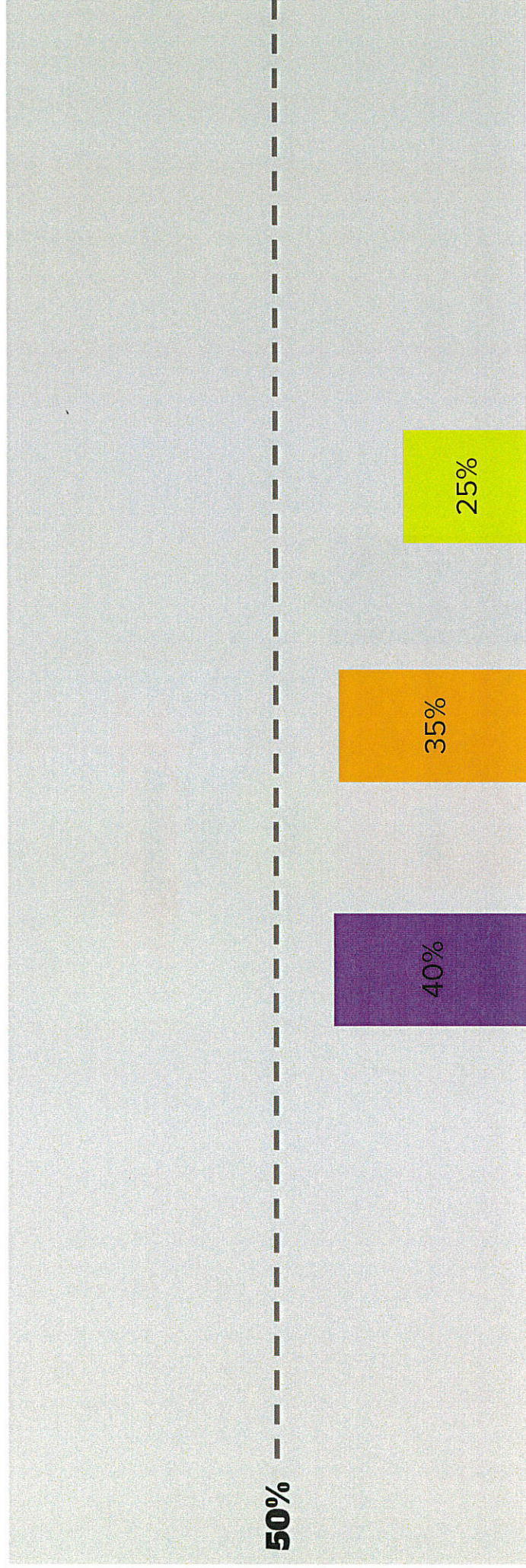
# Voters Rank Candidates

**1st 2nd 3rd**

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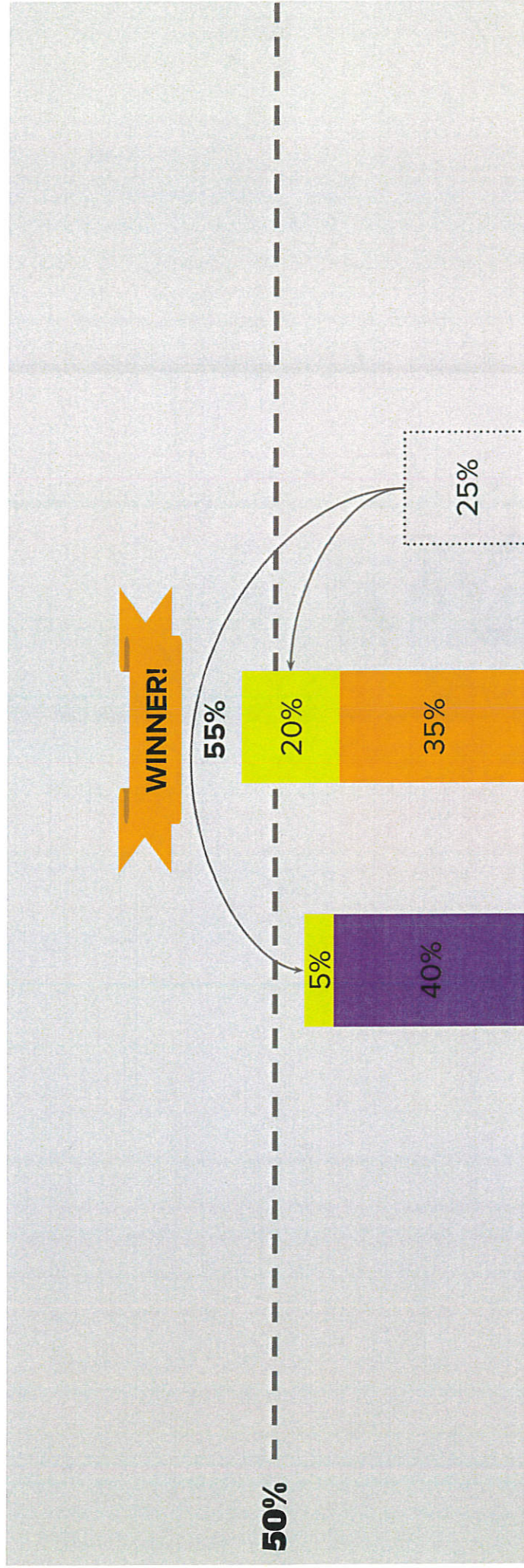
You rank candidates in order of your **true** individual preference.

# Tabulate the Ballots, Last-Place Candidate Loses



Your vote counts for the candidate you ranked as your first choice.  
Yellow is in last-place and is eliminated.

# Tabulate the Ballots Again, Majority Candidate Wins



Voters whose first choice is purple or orange stick with their favorite candidate.

Voters whose first choice was yellow have their ballots transferred to their second choice.

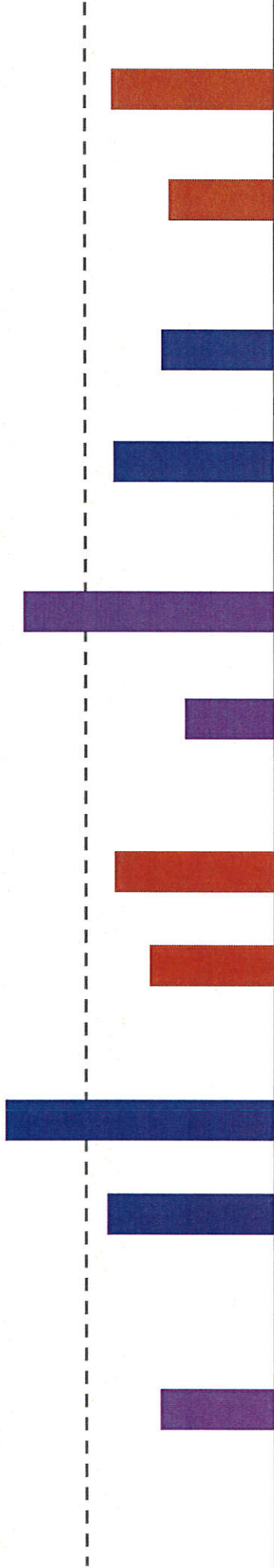
# RCV in Maine







# RCV in Maine Timeline

1990s	Discussions about need for reform and RCV
2001	First RCV bill introduced in the Maine Legislature
2003-2012	RCV bills introduced with growing support across the political spectrum
2008	LWVME began three year study of election reforms
2011	Portland used RCV successfully LWVME endorsed RCV
2013	One-third of lawmakers co-sponsored RCV legislation LWVME convened RCV working group
Nov. 2014	RCV citizen initiative signature collection began
Oct. 2015	73,000 signatures submitted to Secretary of State
Nov. 2015:	RCV used again successfully in Portland mayoral election
Nov. 2016:	RCV adopted by statewide referendum
Oct. 2017:	Maine citizens launch people's veto for RCV elections in June 2018
June 2018:	RCV to be used in party primaries

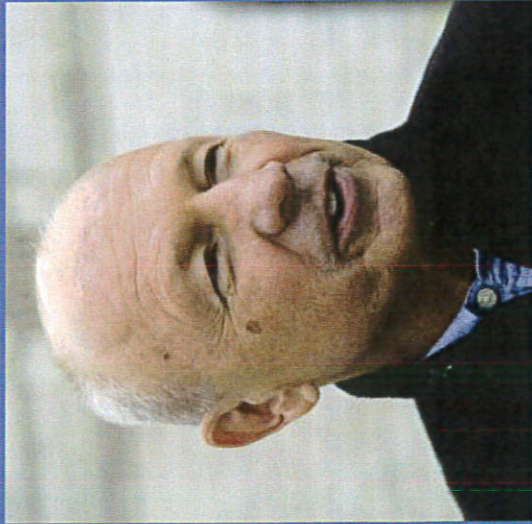
# NO majority winners in 9 of 11 elections

NO governor elected to their first term by a majority since 1966



					
James Longley <i>Independent</i>	Joseph Brennan <i>Democrat</i>	John McKernan <i>Republican</i>	Angus King <i>Independent</i>	John Baldacci <i>Democrat</i>	Paul LePage <i>Republican</i>

## Portland Experience



Knocked on more doors. Talked to more voters. If a candidate couldn't be a voter's first choice, he or she wanted to be their second choice. Candidates knew that negative campaigning could cost them second choice rankings and the election.



# RCV Tabulation

# **RCV blueprint in Maine**

- **Confidence:** preserve the paper trail
- **Security:** state police transport ballots for automatic runoffs when needed
- **Transparency:** publish raw data of rankings
- **Integrity:** random sample audit, open source software, multiple software to confirm accuracy, hand recounts upon request

*San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro, Minneapolis*

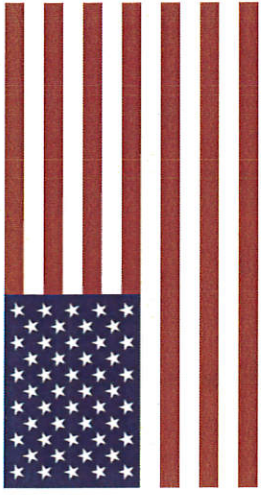
*Cambridge, St. Paul*



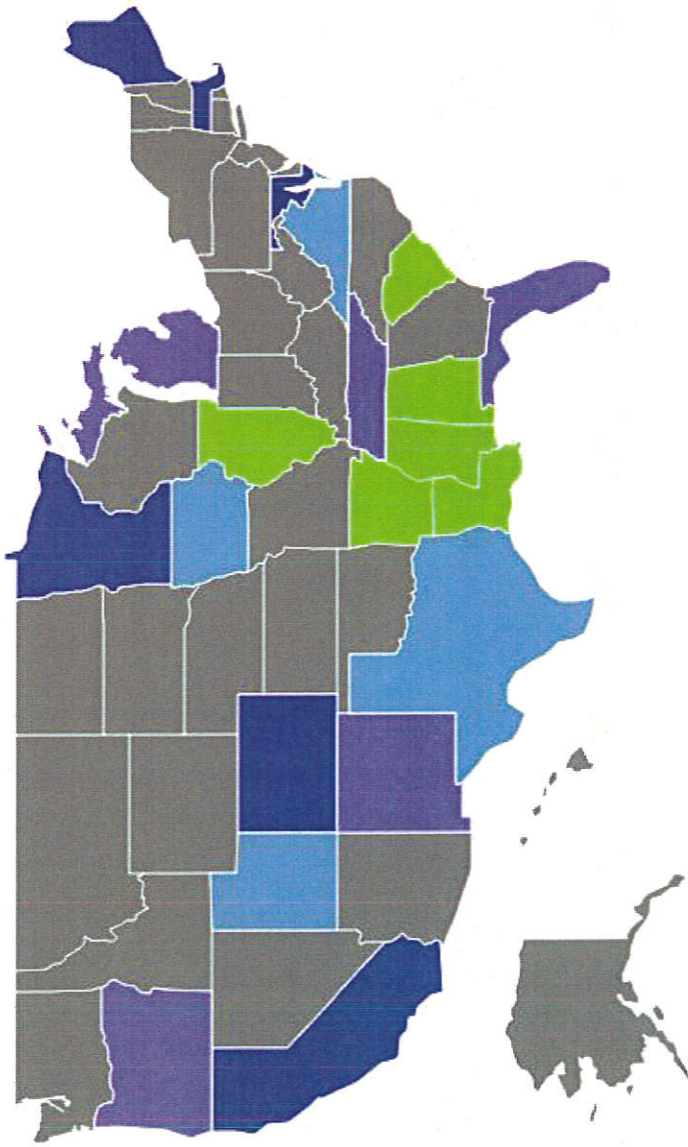
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1	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-10	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
2	MINNEAPOLIS W-10 P-06	BOB FINE	undervote	1	
3	MINNEAPOLIS W-10 P-09	KURTIS W. HANINA	undervote	1	
4	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-05	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
5	MINNEAPOLIS W-5 P-01	DON SAMUELS	undervote	1	
6	MINNEAPOLIS W-6 P-04	undervote	undervote	1	
7	MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-05	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
8	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-01	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
9	MINNEAPOLIS W-4 P-08	CAM WINTON	undervote	1	
10	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-02D	NEAL BAXTER	undervote	1	
11	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-09	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
12	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-06	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
13	MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-02	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
14	MINNEAPOLIS W-11 P-02	OLE SAVIOR	undervote	1	
15	MINNEAPOLIS W-8 P-04	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
16	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-02	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
17	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-09	JACKIE CHERRYHOMES	undervote	1	
18	MINNEAPOLIS W-2 P-01	DON SAMUELS	undervote	1	
19	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-08	BOB FINE	undervote	1	
20	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-07	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
21	MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-05	JACKIE CHERRYHOMES	undervote	1	
22	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-08	JACKIE CHERRYHOMES	undervote	1	
23	MINNEAPOLIS W-2 P-02	DOUG MANN	undervote	1	
24	MINNEAPOLIS W-2 P-02	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
25	MINNEAPOLIS W-11 P-01	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
26	MINNEAPOLIS W-2 P-05	STEPHANIE WOODRUFF	undervote	1	
27	MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-03	CAM WINTON	undervote	1	
28	MINNEAPOLIS W-6 P-03	MARK V ANDERSON	undervote	1	
29	MINNEAPOLIS W-8 P-05	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
30	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-05	BOB FINE	undervote	1	
31	MINNEAPOLIS W-11 P-07	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
32	MINNEAPOLIS W-4 P-07	JAYMIE KELLY	undervote	1	
33	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-03	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
34	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-03	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
35	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-05	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
36	MINNEAPOLIS W-11 P-05	JACKIE CHERRYHOMES	undervote	1	
37	MINNEAPOLIS W-10 P-07	DON SAMUELS	undervote	1	
38	MINNEAPOLIS W-10 P-06	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
39	MINNEAPOLIS W-2 P-08	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	
40	MINNEAPOLIS W-3 P-01	BOB FINE	undervote	1	
41	MINNEAPOLIS W-9 P-07	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
42	MINNEAPOLIS W-7 P-05	EDMUND BERNARD BRUYERE	undervote	1	
43	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-08	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
44	MINNEAPOLIS W-12 P-03	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
45	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-04	BETSY HODGES	undervote	1	
46	MINNEAPOLIS W-13 P-04	MARK ANDREW	undervote	1	

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# RCV in Use



# Ranked Choice Voting in the U.S.A.



- Military & Overseas
- Cities Using RCV
- Locality Awaiting Implementation
- Party Use

# Experience in U.S. Cities

98% of voters report **no problem** using ranked choice ballots

90% of voters report that ranked choice ballots are **easy to use**

40% of voters and candidates report **less negative campaigning**

10% **higher voter satisfaction with elections**

5-10% **higher voter participation**

## Research by

Illinois State University

North Carolina State  
University

Rutgers University

University of Missouri

University of Vermont

Western Washington  
State University

Center for Voting and  
Democracy

Edison Research

Public Policy Polling

Public Research  
Institute

# **Winning RCV in Maine**

**Timeline:** 2 year campaign

**Signature Collection:**

- 75,000 signatures
- 90% volunteer collected

**Voter Contacts:**

- 150,000 one-on-one conversations
- 150 house parties, 30 ranked choice beer elections

**Result:** 388,000 votes for “Yes” on 5



# Winning RCV in Maine

## Messaging:

We need a system that works, where candidates with the best ideas not the biggest bank accounts have a fighting chance.

You should never have to vote for the “lesser of two evils” when there is another candidate you really like.

With Ranked Choice Voting ballots can be counted in rounds where last-place candidates lose until one candidate reaches a majority and wins.

You have the freedom to vote for the candidate you like the best without worrying that you will help to elect the candidate you like the least.

We all have a responsibility to vote to make our state and our country a better place for our children and grandchildren. Ranked Choice Voting is the change we need to give more voice to the people.

# Thank You

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